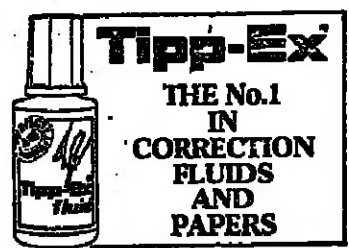


Council clash on baptism of fire woman



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IN MEMORIAM: Faces at yesterday's unveiling by the Prime Minister of the memorial to Yvonne Fletcher which will stand in St James's Square near where the WPC was shot dead by a gunman in the Libyan embassy last April. Picture by Garry Weaser. Thatcher plea, picture page 3.

Thatcher and NCB act to precipitate mass return

## PM rules out pit compromise

By Colin Brown, Political Staff

Mrs Thatcher underlined last night the Government's determination not to compromise on the miners' dispute in a more clearly intended to spur strikers into returning to work next week.

In a parallel action, the National Coal Board formally broke off talks with the National Union of Mineworkers and sat back in the expectation of a flood of strikers reporting for work from Monday.

Mrs Thatcher insisted that the NCB must have the right to manage and that she strongly defended its demand for a written acceptance from the NUM of the need to close uneconomic pits in advance of negotiations.

Her attitude during an interview on the Channel 4 Week In Politics programme was characterised by her outright rejection of any settlement which did not include the board's right to shut down the pits it deemed to be uneconomic.

In the full knowledge that the Labour Party will attack the Government in the Commons debate on the miners' dispute on Monday for insisting on pre-conditions, Mrs Thatcher acknowledged that the NCB was insisting on a pre-condition — "the right of management to manage."

She defended the board's insistence on the written agreement on the grounds that she did not want to dash the hopes of the miners who wanted to return to work by allowing the talks to proceed knowing they were bound to fail.

"I don't want another round of talks to fail," she said. "I want them to succeed. I know there are many, many striking miners who want to get back and who I believe would accept past procedures and would like to get back on that basis."

"I want them to go back. I do not wish their hopes to be dashed by another round of talks which are doomed to failure. It is because I want these talks to succeed that I do not want those talks to go ahead on a false basis."

Mrs Thatcher offered no explanation for talking about the "enemy within" she said. "The enemy within are those who do not believe in the democratic system but who would use violence or intimidation or other means than democracy to obtain their ends."

It was put to Mrs Thatcher that she should take the present opportunity for talks without pre-conditions to allow the miners a "dignified way out."

She replied: "You never compromise with violence. You never compromise with intimidation. You never compromise with those who want to use these things to extinguish freedom and democracy."

Mrs Thatcher said there had been seven rounds of talks and added: "You might say they have been without preconditions. They have all foundered on the same thing — that this leadership of the NUM will not accept what has always been the case, that loss-making pits, indeed uneconomic pits, shall close after due procedures and that the NCB shall have the right to make the decision."

"It foundered on that very thing. You cannot compromise with the right of management to manage."

## Gunmen murder German arms expert

From Anna Tomforde, Bonn

The murder by left-wing extremists of an arms specialist in Munich yesterday is seen as further proof of international terrorist action against military and strategic networks of Nato.

Dr Ernst Zimmermann, aged 55, who was shot in the head by a young couple in his home



Dr Ernst Zimmermann: victim of the Red Army Faction

at Gauting near Munich, was the president of the German Aerospace Arms Manufacture Association.

He was also board chairman of the Motoran and Turbinen Union (MTU) of Munich, a leading producer of engines for the Leopard II battle tank and the Tornado fighter-bomber. MTU has close business links with Rolls-Royce and General Electric, and is owned jointly by Daimler-Benz and M.A.N.

In a telephone call to a local newspaper yesterday, the Red Army faction said it carried out the attack.

"West European guerrillas are shaking the imperialist system," the caller said and added that the action was carried out by a "Patrick O'Hara," named after the IRA terrorist who died in a hunger strike in Northern Ireland in 1981.

West Germany's chief prosecutor had earlier blamed the attack on the Red Army Faction, saying that biographical details of Dr Zimmermann had

## Next week

### Monday

**THE FATE OF EUROPE**  
Forty years ago, three ageing statesmen met in a villa in the Crimea and within a week, sealed the fate of post-war Europe. On the anniversary of the historic Yalta conference of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin, Guardian writers examine the legacy they left.

### Tuesday

**HARD TIMES**  
University researchers are living from hand to mouth. Perhaps that is more than you can say for some schoolchildren, confronted by some school meals. Education Guardian examines two areas of frequent and bitter complaint.

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Nearly one million prescriptions are written each day. How necessary are they? Society Tomorrow considers their place.

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WE APOLOGISE to readers who did not get the Guardian yesterday and to those who received only an early edition not including later news and services. This shortfall was caused by a continuing disagreement involving NGA channels in our London composing room. We are very sorry.

## Thatcher 'got Ponting top job for £12m cut in Defence bill'

By Richard Norton-Taylor

The Prime Minister personally intervened to get Mr Clive Ponting, the senior civil servant charged under the Official Secrets Act, an important job in the Ministry of Defence, an Old Bailey jury heard yesterday.

Mrs Thatcher was said to be delighted with his work on cutting out waste that she had asked Mr Ponting to address the Cabinet on what he had achieved, the court was told.

It also heard that he was awarded an OBE for his work in 1980, when he was a principal secretary and was promoted to an assistant secretary the next year at the relatively young age of 35.

Mr Ponting is accused of sending two documents, one confidential but since declassified, the other with no security marking, to the Labour MP, Mr Tam Dalyell about the sinking of the General Belgrano. He was appearing yesterday for the first time in the witness box. He denies the charges.

He said in reply to his counsel, Mr Bruce Laughton, QC, that he had been chosen in 1978 by Sir Derek Rayner, then the Prime Minister's adviser on Whitehall emergency, to look into the supply of food in the armed forces. He had produced proposals leading to a £12 million saving in capital costs and savings in annual running costs of up to £4 million.

After that, Mr Ponting had a period of "garden leave" while the ministry looked for a job for him.

The court heard that Sir Derek was worried that civil servants who had been critical of their department were being penalised. Mr Ponting was told that when Sir Derek discovered what he was doing, he contacted the Prime Minister, who brought the matter up with the then head of the Civil Service Sir Ian Barcroft.

Mr Ponting was appointed to a post dealing for the defence budget.

Mr Ponting said he was in tune with the political philosophy of the Government, particularly in its attitude towards tackling problems in Whitehall. He agreed it was the duty of civil servants sometimes to draw the attention of ministers to political developments. He had joined the SDP when it was founded in 1981, but said that his membership did not conflict with his job as a civil servant.

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## African aid pledges top \$1 bn despite Britain's reluctance

By Campbell Page in Paris and David McKie in London

The World Bank has unexpectedly managed to meet its target of \$1 billion (nearly £900 million) for a special fund to alleviate poverty in sub-Saharan Africa despite British reluctance to commit any extra money.

The target was reached in Paris yesterday when Japan reversed an earlier decision and agreed to contribute \$300 million over three years.

Together with contributions from Britain and Germany, this will add \$425 million in joint financing which gives the donor country a say in the distribution to the \$687 million agreed on Thursday at the start of the two day meeting, called by the World Bank. This makes a total of nearly \$1.1 billion.

The sub-Saharan fund is intended to provide finance for agriculture and infrastructural improvements to alleviate the underlying causes of famine.

Britain, along with Japan and Germany, had originally refused to contribute. Germany and Japan changed their minds yesterday by offering "new" money.

Britain agreed to contribute \$75 million over five years but appears not to have made up its mind whether this will be "new" money or merely money diverted from other parts of the existing aid budget.

The UK position has been one of welcoming the fund while being unable to contribute because of budget constraints. Eleven countries headed by Italy (\$153 million) and France (\$150 million) have already made direct pledges to the facility.

More than 100 MPs, including 49 Conservatives, have signed a Commons motion urging the Government to make additional resources available.

Sir Anthony Kershaw, chairman of the Commons select committee on foreign affairs, is one of the sponsors.

Mr Abdlatif Al-Hamad, a former Kuwaiti finance minister who chaired the World Bank meeting of representatives

## Pessimistic TUC seeks Acas aid

By Patrick Whitmore and Malcolm Philpott

The TUC is to attempt during the weekend to revive the possibility of talks between the NUM and the NCB through the conciliation service, Acas. But its leaders are pessimistic about the position of the NUM, whose leaders are to visit Acas on Monday.

The decision to end the phase of talks about talks was made by a full meeting of the NCB's board and followed a further explanatory letter from the miners' national executive, which had been encamped at the headquarters of the TUC throughout the day.

The NUM executive again rejected in its letter the NCB's demand that the union accept in advance that uneconomic pits must be placed on the agenda for any talks. The NUM instead wrote that it

## IRA shoots bus driver



JAMES GRAHAM (above) a part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment was shot dead in the school bus he drove yesterday — and became the third brother in his family to die at the hands of the IRA.

Mr Graham, aged 39, the father of two teenage daughters, ran down the aisle at the empty bus pursued by the terrorists who shot him at close range before he could draw his own weapon. The murder happened at Derrymain, Co. Fermanagh.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### 'Stay and fight' call

LABOUR councillors fighting rate-capping were urged by Mr Neil Kinnock last night to stay in power to protect their communities. Back page.

### Keep it dark!

MPs discussing a bill to open up more local authority proceedings to press and public heard of a private meeting called to discuss a council booklet — The Right to Know. Page 2.

### Shipyard strike

SHIPYARD workers struck yesterday after rejecting demands for a pay freeze and the introduction of new working practices. Back page.

### Powell demand

NAMES of the patients of test tube baby doctors will have to be disclosed under the terms of Mr Enoch Powell's bill banning embryo research. Page 3.

### Market moves

POUND: down 0.0075 to \$1.1240; FT index down 8.6 to 277.5; Dow Jones down 9.95 to 1277.75. Markets, page 21.

### The weather

MILD with bright intervals, some rain. Details, back page.

## Jury clears Aitken of 'Sue Ellen' libel

By David Pallister

Mr Jonathan Aitken, Conservative MP for Thanet South, was yesterday cleared of libelling one of his constituents, Mrs Hazel Pinder-White. He had compared her to 'Sue Ellen' of Dallas in a magazine article.

The High Court jury returned a majority verdict rejecting Mrs Pinder-White's claim that she had been branded as an alcoholic adulteress. She will have to pay the costs, estimated at between £25,000 and £30,000.

Mr Aitken said afterwards: "If I had lost this case it would not have been safe to make a joke in public life again."

"I don't want to discuss Mrs Pinder-White again. As the late Groucho Marx said, 'If I never see her again, it's too soon.'"

Mrs Pinder-White left the court without comment. The article which offended her appeared in the monthly East Kent Critic three years ago. In it, Mr Aitken suggested that Mr Pinder-White, a retired textile director who has since died, could have played JR in a Thanet version of Dallas. Mrs Pinder-White, he wrote, could play Sue Ellen beautifully.

Before the five-day trial Mr Aitken had tried to explain his joke. He told Mrs Pinder-White on the telephone: "I thought you would be flattered. Sue Ellen is a very beautiful woman." She replied: "So was Lucretia Borgia, but I wouldn't want to be compared with her, either."

Mrs Pinder-White told the jury that she felt she had been characterised as "a high-class prostitute who drank heavily."

She wanted Mr Aitken to apologise on his knees in the middle of Viking Bay, Broadstairs.

In his summing up, Mr Justice Canfield suggested to the jury that the magazine "could not bring a blush to a virgin's cheek or a frown to the well-furrowed brow of a matron."

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# Key to a world of dyed maggots and banned books

By David McKie  
IN STEVENAGE, Herefordshire, a council sub-committee met in secret to debate the colour of the roses in the war memorial gardens, and the use of dyed maggots by anglers.

In Sutton, on Merseyside, a mysterious "special sub-committee" was drawing up a black list of books to be kept out of local libraries, among the works to be banned were novels by Graham Greene.

And somewhere in Wales, there is a council whose Slaughterhouse and Straying Animals sub-committees insist on meeting behind closed doors.

This anthology of clandestine assignments in the world of local government was assembled in the Commons yesterday when the House gave an unopposed second reading to the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill, a private member's bill sponsored by Mr Robin Squire (Con, Hornchurch) which would open up town hall doors.

The bill would give press

and public the right — subject to specified exemptions — to attend council sub-committees, to get hold of committee and sub-committee minutes, to receive three days ahead reports which are coming up for debate, and to have rights of access to documents on which council decisions and decisions are founded.

The bill applies at present only to England and Wales, but moves will be made in committee to extend it to Scotland and possibly Northern Ireland. The junior environment minister, Mr William Waldegrave, welcomed it on behalf of the Government subject to some "serious but terminal" provisions which could be looked at in committee. He also favoured its extension to Scotland.

Mr Squire picked Stevenage at random. It was no better and no worse, he said, than many other councils. In mid-Suffolk there was a poultry meat sub-committee and a bottle bank sub-committee which met behind closed doors, while in Nottinghamshire there was a

residents' parking sub-committee which did the same. In Stevenage they also had a sub-committee which met in private to discuss a booklet called *Your Right to Know*.

He believed his bill would increase the public accountability of councillors, improve the quality of decision-making by creating a better flow of information, and enhance relations between the people who ran local government and their electorate. Three councils — Brent, Bradford, and Derbyshire — were successfully applying its provisions already.

Mr Alan Roberts (Lab, Bolton), a former Manchester housing chairman, spoke from his own local govern-

ment days a body known as the "secrecy services sub-committee" which always met in private. It was made up of members of the council's policy committee, who adopted this subcommittee drawing up lists of people to invite to civil occasions.

He said that Sutton council, which takes in his constituency, had 14 sub-committees which consisted either of the chairman and the vice-chairman or of the chairman alone. He cited one committee known only as the "special" sub-committee which had drawn up a list of 100 publications to keep out of local libraries — including *The Wind Blows*, by Raymond Briggs; *A Hun-*

ded. Questions On Prejudice, by Claire Bayner; and, novels by Graham Greene and Norman Mailer.

When people campaigning for the bill wrote to Sutton council about it, he said, they had inadvertently been sent an internal memo from the chief executive instructing "send the usual reply to this rubbish."

Mr Roberts said that local government was under serious threat from central government and needed all its strength to resist these attacks. The best way was to take this legislation on board and forge a partnership between voters, councillors, and officials.

He accepted that there must be exemptions to the legislation, but was keen that confidentiality should not be too far preserved over contracts and tenders. There ought to be more openness in dealing with them, and he thought that the web of corruption which had come to light in the Poulson case might have been prevented by such legislation.

Mr Charles Irving (Con, Cheltenham) arrived late for the debate, but was cheered by MPs when he said that his absence had been in connection with "substantial improvements" in the Commons catering department. He cited a council with sub-committees which never met, all business being transacted by the chairman on the telephone. Another council had 34 sub-committees, none of which were open to the public.

Only one MP spoke against the bill, Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Con, Perth and Kinross), who a week ago astonished MPs with his allegations of improper advances

to the Prime Minister by an undisclosed man, said that the bill might produce less information rather than more, since reporters "certainly in my recent experience" enjoyed looking for secrets to unmask.

He opposed the bill, and said that its extension to Scotland would be "constitutionally improper." It would lead to vast extra spending on local government employment.

What some called secrecy, he called confidentiality and trust, he said. The opening up of documents to public scrutiny would be of service to "wreckers." Developers learning that a building was about to be listed could move in and knock it down before it received protection.

A second private member's bill designed to open up meetings of water authorities to press and public began with only 20 minutes left for debate, and was "talked out" by the housing minister Mr Ian Gow. It is not likely to make further progress.

## Second union backs teachers' action

By John Fairhall, Education Editor

The National Association of Schoolmasters' Union of Women Teachers decided last night to join the National Union of Teachers in industrial action unless the employers make an adequate pay offer.

Action by the 235,000 members of the NUT is due to start on Wednesday without waiting for the February 11 meeting of the Burnham pay negotiating committee.

The NAS/UTW decided yesterday to wait for the next meeting to give the employers a chance to come up with an adequate pay offer, which means something well above the 4 per cent already on the table.

If it is not forthcoming, the union will start its action on February 25. The form will include some selective strikes, not covering, for example, colleagues, and not doing lunch-time and after-school duties.

The chances of the Burnham meeting staving off widespread disruption of schools later this month is remote. The employers' hopes were that a basic pay could be negotiated, but with it a 7½ per cent pay increase tied to a restructuring of the teacher's contract which was being discussed by a working party outside the Burnham Committee.

The collapse of the working party — due to the withdrawal of the NUT — threw the whole of the negotiations onto the Burnham Committee which by its constitution, must deal with pay but not with conditions of service.

Since the local authority employers cannot discuss in Burnham any pay increases based on the teachers' acceptance of restructuring, the pay negotiations have come down to the 4 per cent Burnham offer which the NUT rejected as "insulting."

Yesterday the Council of Local Education Authorities (CLEA) told the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, that the existing negotiating machinery must go. CLEA wanted a new negotiating body to replace the present Burnham Committee, which deals only with pay, and the CLEA/School Teachers' Committee, which deals only with conditions of service.

CLEA officers have been instructed to work out some alternative form of negotiating machinery, which will then be put to Sir Keith. What CLEA has in mind is something similar to the single committee in Scotland which covers both pay and conditions of service.

The idea of changing the negotiating machinery at this stage was dismissed as nonsense by the general secretary of the NUT, Mr Fred Jarvis, who leads the teachers' panel on the Burnham Committee. There is nothing wrong with the machinery that a more sensible and less stubborn attitude on the part of the employers and Government wouldn't cure, he said.

For the members of CLEA, the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities and the Conservative-controlled Association of County Councils, to propose scrapping Burnham as a way out of the present dispute was, he said, "a total red and blue herring." The employers were handing about an offer of a 7½ per cent increase tied to restructuring. Mr Jarvis said he asked at the last Burnham Committee if the employers could guarantee that this sum of money was available but I got no answer. They have not said that Sir Keith has given them this 7½ per cent. It is available why not offer it without pre-conditions?

John Arliss adds: concerted action by public service workers, particularly teachers, who are both in dead-end jobs, will be discussed by the TUC public services and local government committees on Monday.

A joint effort will be sought by the National Union of Public Employees and the TUC yesterday authorised industrial action by its members among the manual staff if employers do not improve their 4½ per cent offer. The Transport and General Workers' Union has also said it will back industrial action by manual workers.

Although the employers described their offer as "final" when talks broke down a week ago, the union is hopeful that the unprecedented threat of teachers and manual workers in dispute together will bring them back to the negotiating table.

The offer contrasts strongly with a 5.6 per cent increase to the lowest paid council white collar staff in a recent arbitration award on last year's pay claim, and the offer of 0.2 per cent over 15 months to council building and civil engineering workers.

The manual unions have so far been refused change in their settlement date, a demand which they made the prime focus of their claim. Public service union leaders who have been building a campaign of co-ordinated pay gains of a concerted action were not anticipating a major confrontation before next year. But the decision of the NUT to start limited action next week and the stance of the manual unions could bring an early start.

## Labour goes on offensive over settlement

# Time to expose Tory pits interference says Kinnock

By Colin Brown, Political Staff

The Labour Party intends to go on the offensive over the miners' dispute on Monday with a Commons motion attacking the Government for impeding progress towards a settlement.

The Labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, who two weeks ago attacked leftwingers for demanding a debate on the dispute, said yesterday that the time was right to expose the Government's interference.

He reiterated his belief that commercial considerations should be taken into account in the closure of pits under the colliery review procedure.

Anticipating that his words in a BBC radio interview would be quoted against him on Monday's debate, Mr Kinnock emphasised that he had tirelessly expressed this view.

He said: "I want an honourable settlement. I want one which will ensure that foolish decisions about colliery closures are not taken, that they are taken on the proper grounds of exhaustion and safety and, yes, including commercial considerations, which has always been the fact before under colliery review procedure, and always will be in the future."

Mr Kinnock added that a blank cheque to close whole communities on the basis of one or two years of accountants' figures was not the right



Neil Kinnock: 'no foolish decisions'

way to manage Britain's basic industry. The Opposition will be looking to Monday's debate to restore some of their morale after Mr Kinnock was shouted down in Thursday's censure debate in the Commons.

Mr Stan Orme, the shadow energy secretary, will open the attack on a motion condemning the Government for its public and private activities in impeding the progress towards negotiations in the mining dispute, despite the massive cost to the nation of prolonging the strike. The motion also welcomes

the National Union of Mineworkers' decision to seek the immediate resolution of negotiations with the National Coal Board without preconditions, and demands that the Government take a positive approach by letting the NCB "settle this long and damaging dispute forthwith."

The strongest card which could be available to the Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, in replying to the charge would be a substantial return to work on Monday by miners tired of waiting for the two sides to reach agreement.

The Government will also seek to exploit some of the past divisions within the Opposition about their support for the strike while Labour MPs will protest about the alleged interference of the Prime Minister for written acceptance by the NUM of the need to close uneconomic pits before the latest round of talks began.

Ministers insist that this requirement was made by the NCB, not the Government, and was sensible given the refusal of the NUM president, Mr Arthur Scargill, to accept the issue which is at the heart of the dispute.

A senior Cabinet minister said yesterday that it would be pointless for the NCB to enter further talks knowing in advance that they must break down because the NUM refuses to accept this key point.

## 2pc rise for arts causes dismay

By Nicholas de Jongh, Arts Correspondent

Some of the 160 organisations which the Arts Council subsidises will receive no increase in their grants this year, and the average increase passed on to its clients will be only 2 per cent, it was revealed yesterday.

The English National Opera, whose financial position is critical, and the National Theatre, which has said that it will require a substantial increase if it is not to cut its programme, will receive no more than 2 per cent.

The Government seems prepared to accept that both may have to reduce their repertoires.

The chairman of the Arts Council, Sir William Rees-Mogg, is writing to the arts minister, Lord Gowrie, to express his concern about the effect of its small grant increase on many clients.

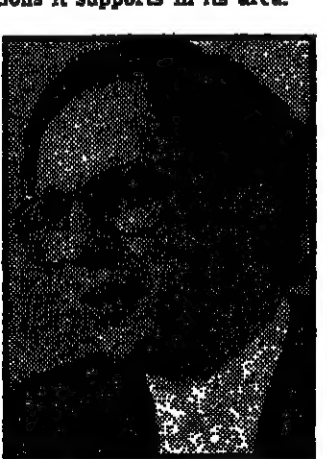
The council has, however, been able to allocate £3 million in 1985-86 for the first phase of its "Gloria" of the Garden regional development plans. Details of the areas to be selected for development money are to be announced later.

Mr Luke Rittner, the council's secretary-general, said that the minimal increase in the Government's grant to the Arts Council had caused a dilemma. "It has agonised over whether the longer term interests of the arts are better served by a policy of equal misery for all, or by making a start with our development plans, which are starting to attract significant new funding from local sources."

He said that the council had decided to proceed with its development plans and hoped that as their effects became clear the Government would recognise the strength and importance of its new strategies.

While the average increase for the council's clients will be 2 per cent, literature, as was predicted last year, will suffer savage cuts. The budget is being reduced from £925,862 to £518,600 and the decrease will lead to renewed speculation that the council finally intends to dissolve this department.

The council's difficulties are compounded by the fact that the Greater London Council is withdrawing its art subsidies for the 400 organisations it supports in its area.



Luke Rittner: 'grants dilemma'

## Churchmen rebuke coal board

By Maryn Halsall, Church Correspondent

Church leaders in England, Scotland and Wales called last night for immediate talks to settle the miners' strike and implicitly criticised the National Coal Board for setting pre-conditions.

"While the agenda for such negotiations must include the central issue of economic policy in the mining industry, we believe that neither party should seek to impose its own interpretation in advance of negotiations," said their statement, drafted largely by coal-field chaplains.

"It is surely not the nature of the process of consultation to require decisions by any party before the process begins."

Among the 12 signatories were the Archbishop of Wales, the Most Reverend Derek Chidley; the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, the Most Reverend John Ward; the Primate of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Most Reverend Alastair Haggart; and the President of the Methodist Conference, the Reverend Gordon Barritt.

English Roman Catholic bishops were not represented in the move, the first made jointly by church leaders in the three countries.

The NCB said yesterday that two are pits were producing coal, Kevon Park, Yorkshire, and Renshaw Park, North Derbyshire. All 52 pits in the Midlands coalfields are being mined.

Seventy-eight of the country's 174 pits are producing coal and another 80 have National Union of Mineworkers' members at work. A further 161 miners turned up for work for the first time yesterday, bringing the total for the week to 1,587, compared with 3,388 last week, said the board.

Two Derbyshire striking miners who ambushed a working colleague by strapping a cable across the road in the path of his motorcycle were each sentenced to 18 months' youth custody at Derby Crown Court yesterday.

## Beach radio activity level tops Sellafield limit

By Seamus Milne

Radioactivity levels on the Cumbrian coast near Ravenglass are higher than the safety levels permitted inside the nearby Sellafield plant, British Nuclear Fuels Limited admitted yesterday.

The plutonium contamination levels in the area are 100 pCi per square centimetre, as set by the National Radiological Protection Board. According to Ministry of Agriculture data collected in 1982, contamination at Ravenglass beach from Sellafield's plutonium waste in the Irish sea is 140 pCi per square centimetre.

Ms Jean Emery, a representative of the anti-nuclear group, Core — which has uncovered these facts — said yesterday that plutonium levels on the shore are now much

worse. Recent samples of mud taken by researchers from Bremen University gave contamination levels of 212 pCi curies.

Mr Jake Kelly, spokesman for INTEL at Sellafield said that it was "no secret" that levels of radiation in the silt were higher than those allowed in working areas. "But our limits for working areas are on the side of caution and are merely a safety limit, not a danger limit," he said. "It's completely different working for eight-hour shifts in an area and merely passing briefly over an area of silt on the shore."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries said last night that its officials regularly monitored the Ravenglass area. The levels were well within the safety limits set by the International Commission on Radiological Protection.

## Dalyell raises report

By David McKie

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, yesterday raised with the Speaker of the House of Commons Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Guardian's report that Ministry of Defence officials had changed an account by the Chief of Naval Staff about the first sighting of the Argentine cruiser *Belgrano*. Civil servants denied this.

Mr Dalyell said he had tried

to table a question about the report. He accepted it was "a grey and difficult area" because of the sub-judice rule, since the Guardian's report arose directly from the trial of the *Belgrano*. The report was an unauthorised person (Mr Dalyell).

The Speaker interrupted to say he had not yet seen the Guardian report and would look into the matter and write to Mr Dalyell.

## Strongbridge cleared up

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

The Housing Corporation yesterday announced that it had finally cleared up the affairs of Strongbridge, the housing association that failed in 1982.

Its liabilities and assets are to be transferred to the Metropolitan Housing Trust, one of the larger housing associations.

Strongbridge and its smaller sister body, the South-east Regional Housing Association, had mortgage arrears of £253,356 outstanding to the GLC and the London boroughs of Hillingdon, Kensington and Chelsea. Some of their 389 houses needed extensive and urgent repair.

The association's chairman was Harold Mote and the secretary was Geoffrey Seaton,

both of whom were at the time senior members of the GLC's Conservative group.

The Housing Corporation said that once the association's finances had been sorted out an unfunded deficit of £167,000 remained. It appointed new management committees which sold off some properties at a profit, leaving an unfunded debt of about £50,000.

The Metropolitan Housing Trust has been given an increased overdraft guarantee to allow it to take over this liability and the Department of the Environment has said it will consider clearing it by payment of a grant.

The corporation said that "a vigorous repair and redecoration programme of the association's property was undertaken."

## Fourth trip for Waite

By Patrick Keatley, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, Mr Terry Waite, will leave for Libya today on a fourth mission aimed at obtaining the release of the four British detainees.

Officials at Lambeth Palace pointed out last night that it is not certain that the men will be set free, despite the optimistic message relayed to London earlier this week from the Italian embassy in Tripoli.

The ambassador, Mr Alessandro Quaroni, said he had been told by foreign minister sources in Tripoli that a decision had been taken over the men's release.



Mrs Frances Tate, with daughters Chantel and Michelle, before their ill-fated voyage

## Family rescued from Atlantic liferaft

A BRITISH family of five has been rescued after drifting for 12 days in the Atlantic on a liferaft. The family, whose yacht, *Misty*, sank after striking a rock off the coast of the Azores, were picked up by the Norwegian hulk carrier *Harviken*.

Peter Tate, aged 34, his wife, Frances, 35, and their three daughters, Michelle, 12, Chantel, 11 and Danielle, 10, are believed to come from Frinton-on-Sea, Essex.

New York coastguards said the family were all well and had suffered no ill-effects during their ordeal. They had drifted some 400 miles before being rescued 470 miles off the Guyanese coast on Thursday. The family, who left Britain in August 1982, were on their way from Tenerife in the Canary Islands to Grenada in the West Indies.

Mrs Tate said she was below deck with the children, helping to make a bag for Grenada, when "the bottom suddenly came inwards."

She added: "We had struck something underwater — it could have been anything."

A spokesman for the ship's owner's Harvor Management, said the *Tates* had little food left when they were found. The *Harviken* was on its way to South Africa but might change course to let the British family off, he added.

Mr Peter Tate at the helm

## Man arrested by police for kidnapping goes free

By a Correspondent

A man who was dragged from his six-year-old daughter at a bus stop by four policemen who mistook her for a missing three-year-old walked free from court yesterday.

Mr Ace Kelly, a black rights campaigner in London, was arrested on suspicion of abduction despite his protests as his daughter, Simone, screamed "daddy, daddy" as police pulled her away.

The incident occurred last June as Mr Kelly, aged 26, of Tennis Street, Southwark, waited for a bus near County Hall after taking Simone to a Greater London Council job interview at the court at Horseferry Road was told.

The arresting officers were convinced that Simone was the missing girl, even after they compared her to a photograph before Mr Kelly was handcuffed and put face down in a police van.

In December, Mr Kelly, chairman of the Stoke Newington and Hackney defence campaign was cleared of police obstruction and counts of assault on the police during incidents which ended in the death in a police station of Mr Colin Roach.

At the resumed hearing yesterday, Mr Kelly was acquitted on a remaining charge of threatening behaviour after six independent witnesses said that they had not heard him use any threatening or abusive language.

However, the magistrate, Mr James Jobling, told him: "Quite frankly, I think your behaviour was appalling, and I think it was likely to cause a breach of the peace."

Later Mr Kelly announced that he is suing the police for wrongful arrest, illegal detention, and malicious prosecution.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### UDR man remanded

A PART-TIME member of the Ulster Defence Regiment appeared in a court in Armagh yesterday charged with kidnapping the 37-year-old wife of a local car dealer.

Ian George Clarke, aged 32, of Monaghan Street, Milford, near Armagh, was remanded in custody until Monday. He was charged with kidnapping and unlawful detainer after Catherine Bernadette Speer, 37, was further charged with demanding £100,000 from her husband, Pat, 44, with threats and possession of a Browning pistol with intent to endanger life.

### Gas victims still in hospital

SIX out of the 80 people overcome by chlorine gas at a Norfolk factory on Thursday were still in hospital last night. Five were still under observation, while the sixth was earlier moved from intensive care to a normal ward.

Most of those affected by the gas were workers at the factory, Nichol Beauty Products, in Brunel Way, Thetford, where production resumed yesterday. The accident is understood to have happened when a delivery of sulphuric acid was put in the wrong tank and reacted with another chemical.

### Raid on pirate radio station

RADIO JACKIE, the pirate radio station operating south of London, was put off the air yesterday after a raid by Department of Trade investigators and police at the station's premises, Central Road, Worcester Park, Surrey.







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**Make Bill Payments**

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Amount £174.26  
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PAYMENT OF BILLS.

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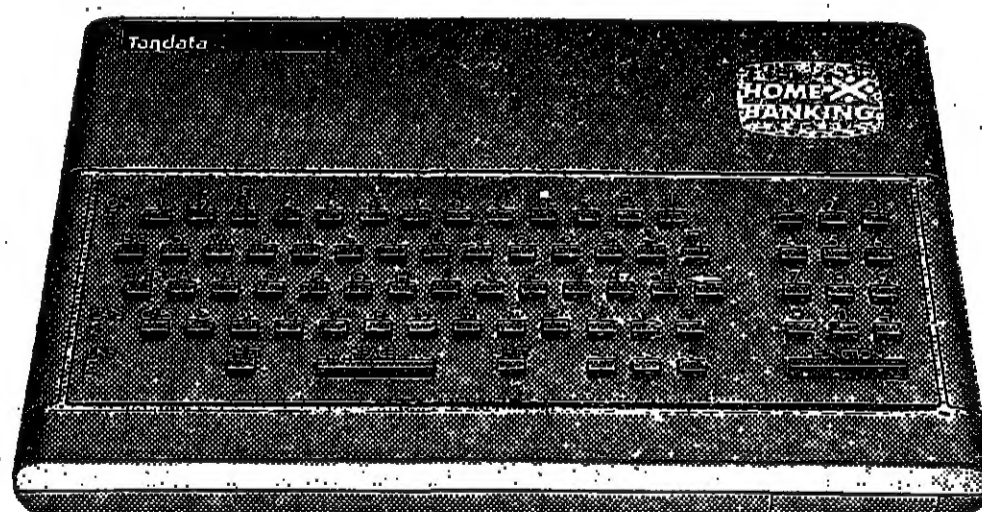
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16Jan1985	0	1,048	1,117
17Jan1985	0	2,884	2,094
18Jan1985	0	327	2,094

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OVERSEAS NEWS

Reagan envisages continued high deficit

Defence funding up, social costs cut in budget proposals

From Alex Brummer in Washington

President Reagan yesterday was preparing to send Congress a contentious 1986 budget, which ignores disquiet within his own Republican Party and proposes sharp new increases on defence spending to be offset by deep cuts in domestic commitments.

Under the President's plan, which will be formally delivered to Congress on Monday, spending by the military would rise by 11.2 per cent after inflation to \$27.5 billion. Unless Congress takes firm action to tame the Defence Secretary, Mr Weinberger, defence spending will represent an unprecedented 35 per cent of the total budget by 1990, according to figures which emerged yesterday.

Despite the deep cuts which are being proposed in such areas as education, agriculture, and subsidised housing for the poor, the budget deficit will narrow only marginally in 1986 to \$176 billion, and Mr Reagan will fall far short of achieving his goal of halving the scale of government borrowing within three years.

Without independent congressional action, this will mean more years of higher US interest rates pulling foreign savings into the American economy and supporting the strong dollar.

While the US economy has begun the new year on a strong note, there was some evidence yesterday of a weakening. Unemployment, which has fallen sharply over the past two years, rose for the second month in a row to 7.4 per cent of the workforce, with some 300,000 more people joining the dole queues.

There are still fears among some economists that, unless dramatic action is taken to

bring down the deficit, higher interest rates later this year will force the US into recession.

The White House, seeking to convey to the financial markets and Congress President Reagan's determination to tackle the deficit, yesterday took the unusual step of confining press leaks of budget numbers.

The press spokesman, Mr Larry Speakes, told correspondents that, despite rising Pentagon spending, the new budget would call for an overall expenditure of \$337.7 billion or a rise of 1.5 per cent. This, Administration officials claim, will be the smallest increase in the growth of government spending for two decades.

The Administration has been able to achieve this by proposing slashing cuts in a host of domestic projects, many of which impinge on the poorest in the United States. The President's budget proposes a slight reduction in the cost, for instance, of medical aid for the elderly, which has been rising at between 13 to 15 per cent a year, and has in the past been considered a sacred cow which cannot be touched when trimming government spending.

Among the biggest victims of the Administration's cuts will be the Department of Housing and Urban Development, where spending will be slashed by 47 per cent, falling to \$15.4 billion in 1986 from \$29.3 this year. This means that all subsidised housing and community development grants would be reduced sharply, and money being used to rebuild America's declining and crumbling inner cities would also vanish over a number of years.

The hard-pressed agricultural industry will not be spared ei-

ther, with subsidies and price supports falling by some 15 per cent at a time when the economy of the farm belt is in a precarious condition, with farmers and the banks which service their needs filing for bankruptcy in rising numbers.

Despite Mr Reagan's continued public talk of the need for improved standards of education, funds for the department will be reduced by 3 per cent, with student loans expected to suffer.

The key battleground on Capitol Hill is already shaping up on the defence budget. Despite claims from the Administration that its growth is being carefully controlled, it continues to consume an increasing amount of the total budget. It appears highly unlikely that Congress will contemplate the draconian cuts being asked for on the domestic front to support an even bigger military build-up in the years ahead.

Mr Weinberger, who still enjoys the President's support on military spending, is effectively at war with Republican leaders on Capitol Hill, who have been demanding greater restraint.

Senator Mark Hatfield, the new chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has called the Defence Secretary a "draft dodger in the war on the federal deficit" and is vowing to press for a military spending freeze.

But the 1986 budget makes no concession to this mood. It includes a request for spending of \$246.3 billion this year, rising to \$418.3 billion by 1988, when it will be approaching the size of the total wealth of the British economy. Mr Weinberger maintains that a continued build-up is necessary to keep the Russians at the Geneva bargaining table.

E. Europe flights to face Nato ban

OSLO: Norway will close two airfields vital for Nato air defences to eastern European charter flights from next January because of spying, the Norwegian government said yesterday.

Severe restrictions will also be introduced at four other international airfields, after the discovery that the charter flights, mostly from Bulgaria and Romania, were used for military spying.

The Norwegian government issued a statement saying that restrictions would apply to "certain airlines" but did not name them. The Bulgarian charter firm, Balkan Airlines, and the Romanian company Taron, which fly to the airfields, will be affected.

The State Secretary, Mr Nils Morten Udgard, said that Norway had proof that planes from eastern European countries were using electronic equipment to spy on sensitive military installations in northern Norway.

A defence ministry spokesman said that the decision to discontinue, against certain charter firms, was taken in accordance with international aviation agreements. The two airports to be closed to eastern European firms are Bodø, a Nato air base, and Evenes, in northern Norway.

Nato has several secret air bases in Norway. Some are used by surveillance aircraft monitoring the Soviet Union, others are kept for the Western allies' use in times of crisis.

The French news weekly L'Express yesterday identified Vladislav Nickov, a 37-year-old First Secretary at the Soviet embassy in Paris, as head of Soviet spy activities in France. The embassy said the report was false.

US accuses Russians of 20 arms agreement violations

From Michael White in Washington

President Reagan yesterday intensified United States pressures on the Soviet Union in advance of the Geneva arms control talks by sending to Congress a new report alleging up to 20 Russian violations of existing arms agreements.

Most conspicuous is US confirmation of last year's tentative allegation in the report of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency that the Russians have breached "unmistakable language" in the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty in beginning to construct a huge new radar installation at Krasnoyarsk.

The location of the "phased array" radar is deemed significant because the ABM treaty forbade such developments except close to national borders, on the grounds that inland facilities could be only for missile defence.

The new report, which was sent to Congress by the President and published here late yesterday, was given an airing earlier by the director of the ACDA, Mr Kenneth Adelman, who called alleged Russian violations a "dark shadow" over the prospect for agreement in Geneva.

Although the Russians make reciprocal charges, most notably at present about the Star Wars defensive research plan — the object of attack yesterday by Mr Chernenko himself

— the US is insistent that the other side has systematically breached ABM and Salt II agreements.

The 1984 Adelman report, expressly required by Congress, expands on one sent in January, 1983, which made seven charges against Russia, including three significant violations of Salt II which the US claims to honour even though it never ratified the treaty.

In the new report, the Russians are accused of producing Backfire bombers in excess of the Salt II deal. But the fresh charges also touch on the alleged use of chemical and

toxic weapons, the testing of a second, sea-based, intercontinental missile, and the deployment of mobile SS-16 ICBMs.

Mr Adelman's view, which will not displease the Pentagon, was that such violations questioned, not only the prospect for future agreement, but whether the US should continue with its own restraints.

Soviet military capacities were touched upon this week, when the Defence Secretary, Mr Weinberger, appeared to give credence to the Daily Express's account of the mysterious Soviet "missile" which landed in Finland on December 28. In evidence to the Senate Foreign Relations Commit-

tee on Thursday, he spoke twice of the Russians already having shown their anti-missile prowess by "shooting down their cruise missile that somehow got away from them and was starting to work its way across Norway and Finland."

The Secretary-General of Nato, Lord Carrington, yesterday gave firm backing to US research on the "Star Wars" defence system. He denied that his insistence, in a speech at Cambridge on Thursday, that the case for the Star Wars system had yet to be proved, signalled doubts about the value of research.

No treaty at this stage could guarantee research was controlled between East and West, he said, on the EBC World at One programme. And he warned that it would be "very unwise" to allow the Soviet Union to develop a capability America did not possess.

Donald Fields adds from Helsinki: The Soviet Union last night asked Finland to hand over all the wreckage of the Soviet missile that came down in Lapland five weeks ago. The Finnish Foreign Ministry is considering the matter.

Lieutenant-Colonel Antti Mustonen, the head of information of the Finnish general staff, explained that the concentration of debris into an area scarcely larger than a football ground showed that the missile had crashed, as opposed to exploding or being detonated by radio signals in mid-air.

Chernenko 'taking a holiday'

MOSCOW: President Chernenko, who has not been seen in public since December 27, is taking a winter holiday near Moscow, a foreign ministry spokesman said yesterday.

He said he was unable to comment on reports that the 72-year-old President had been seriously ill. Words that Mr Chernenko is on holiday marks a shift in the official handling of the President's disappearance from the public eye.

In past weeks, spokesmen had been declining comment, while Kremlin aides privately told Western officials that Mr Chernenko had cancelled his engagements through illness.

At the same time, Soviet sources with access to official information had told journalists that Mr Chernenko had been under intensive care and could even be contemplating resignation.

Western diplomats said yesterday the latest official explanation of Mr Chernenko's absence suggested that the President was expected back at work.

But diplomats recalled that officials had also said at one stage that President Andropov was on holiday of the six-month absence that led up to his death from kidney disease on February 9 last year.

The ministry spokesman declined to say when Mr Chernenko might return, but the foreign ministry's chief spokesman, Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, was quoted as saying he had taken a month's holiday.—Reuter.

Discord sown

BONN: Communist East Europe is spending hundreds of millions of marks on a disinformation campaign to split the Western allies, the West German Interior Ministry said yesterday.

A 20-page report said that letters had been forged to Communist plants in the news media in attempts to sow US-West German discord.—Reuter.

Australia to assist MX test

From Richard Yallop in Melbourne

Australia yesterday confirmed that it would help the US to monitor splashdown tests of the new MX missile in the Tasman Sea, in international waters.

A newspaper report, forecasting the tests appeared yesterday morning, and the Defence Minister, Mr Kim Beazley, later confirmed that refuelling and victualling facilities would be provided in Sydney for US planes monitoring two tests.

Mr Beazley said that the original commitment to assist the Americans had been made

by the previous Conservative government of Mr Malcolm Fraser, and that the Labour Government would be in breach of the agreement if it reneged. The final decision to provide staging facilities was made by the Labour Government's Cabinet security committee, without the knowledge of caucus.

"It is taken in the light of a commitment to the Arms alliance, which does not change with government," Mr Beazley said. He said the missiles would not carry any nuclear devices or material, and that the government's involvement did not conflict with its support for a nuclear-free zone

in the South Pacific. Meanwhile, the Reagan Administration says New Zealand's rejection of a US ship visit would be a grave matter, that might affect American cooperation with Wellington.

"We would have to consider the implications for New Zealand under Anzus," the State Department said yesterday.

New Zealand bans visits by nuclear-armed or nuclear-powered vessels. Its Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, yesterday gave his formal reply to Washington's request for a visit by a US ship but would not disclose its contents.

EEC trade action ran foul of Swiss law

From Derek Brown in Brussels

A department of the EEC Commission specialising in industrial affairs and staffed by lawyers failed to take Swiss law on commercial espionage into account when they handed over sensitive papers, the European Court of Justice heard yesterday.

The papers, containing evidence of illegal price fixing by the Swiss drug firm, Hoffmann-La Roche, were given to the commission by a company executive, Mr Stanley Adams. He was identified when the Commission passed back the information to the company, and was later gaoled as an industrial spy.

Mr Adams, a Maltese-born Briton who now lives in Thames Ditton, Surrey, is suing the Commission for £250,000 damages, claiming that officials betrayed him and that subsequent events left his life in ruins.

The documents—which led to an investigation and a £283,386 fine on Hoffmann-La Roche for illegal trading practices—were passed to the Commission in 1974. Mr Adams was arrested at the end of that year and while he was awaiting trial his first wife committed suicide after being told that he faced a 20-year sentence. Released on bail, Mr Adams set up a pig breeding business in Italy, which failed—his claims because financial backers were fright-

ened off by the Swiss affair—and later he spent 54 days in an Italian prison on fraud charges. Meanwhile, he had been sentenced by a Swiss court to 12 months in gaol, suspended for three years.

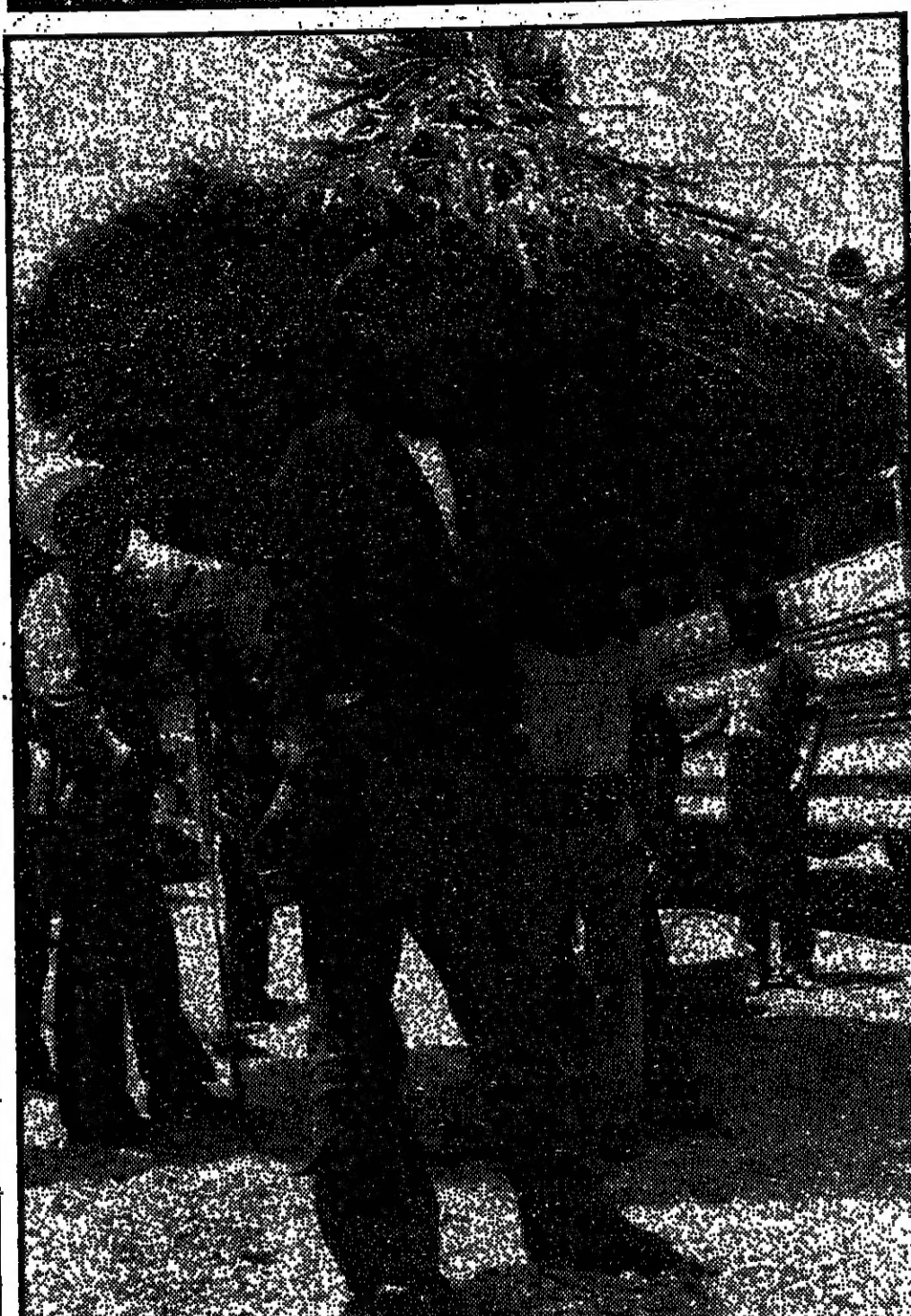
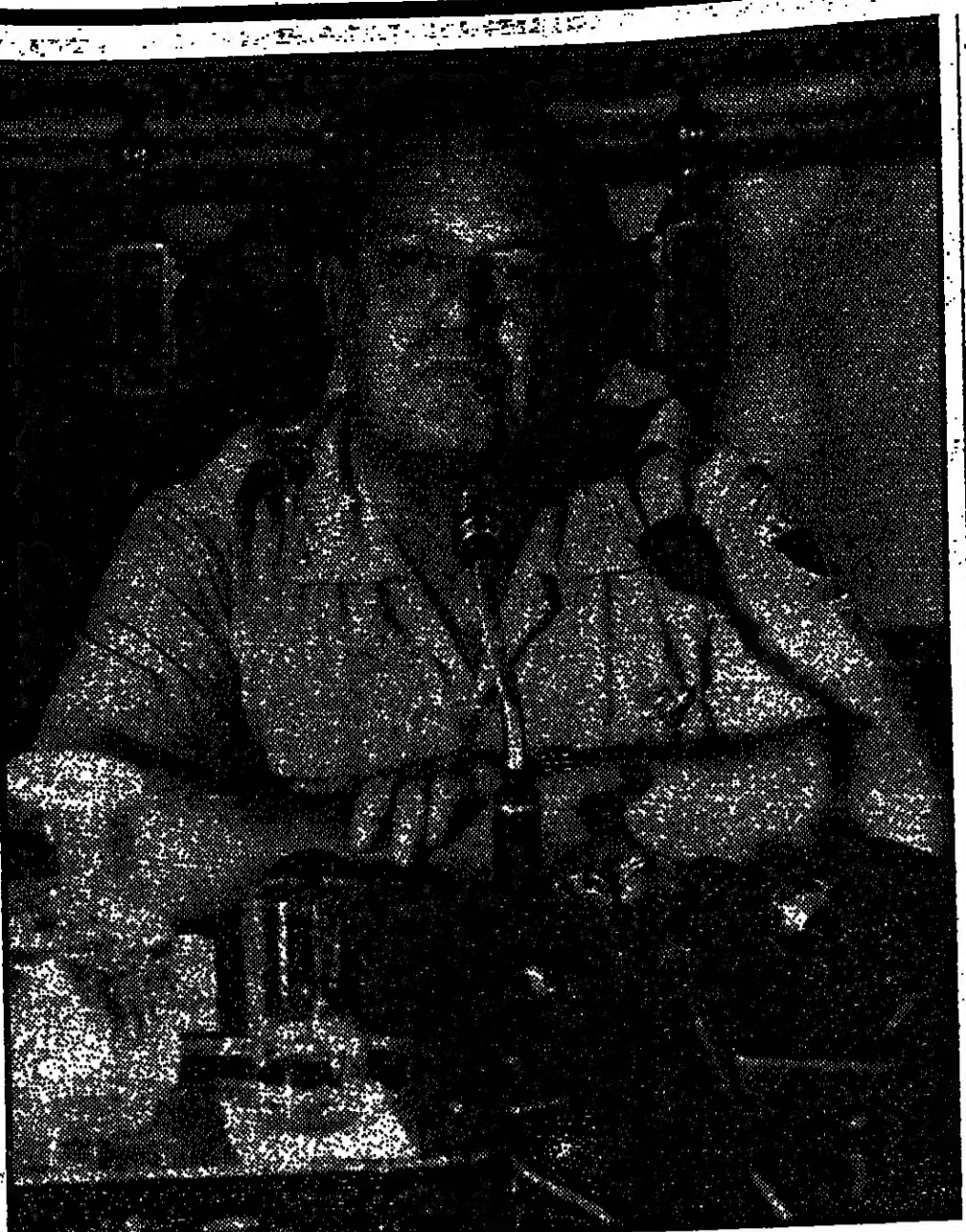
Mr Adams's long struggle for legal redress is being vigorously contested by the EEC Commission which claims that there was no breach of confidence, and that in any event the case lies outside the five-year limit for such actions.

Yesterday the Luxembourg-based European Court heard evidence from a former head of the Commission department dealing with unfair trade matters, Dr Willi Schlöder. He told the Danish judge, Mr Ole Due, that it had never occurred to him that Mr Ad-

ams would be prosecuted and so did not regard the handing over of the papers as a breach of confidence.

Judge Due put it to him that as a Doctor of Law, with 73 lawyers in his department at the time, it was astonishing that the possibility of prosecution had not been considered.

Dr Schlöder admitted that he had seen Mr Adams in the Commission's Brussels headquarters, after he had jumped bail, in March 1975. Mr Jean-Marie Rihoux, the commission inspector who investigated the unfair trading allegations, told the court that it had been assumed that once Stanley Adams left the Swiss company, there would be no problem about his identity being revealed.



President Mejia Victores of Guatemala (top), whose foreign minister yesterday invited Amnesty International to visit the country and investigate human rights. A civil defence patrol (above) meanwhile mans a checkpoint on a key road

NEWS IN BRIEF

Austrian Cabinet survives

AUSTRIA's ruling coalition yesterday defeated an opposition no-confidence motion against the Defence Minister, Mr Frischenschlager, by 98 votes to 80. The motion had threatened to split the Government.

The minister provoked a domestic and international outcry last week by personally welcoming home the convicted Nazi war criminal, Walter Reder, who was granted early release by Italy after nearly 40 years in gaol.—Reuter.

Chief suspended

THE Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, Mr Mugabe, told Parliament yesterday that his police chief, Commissioner Wiroziyi Nguniwe, has been suspended from his post while a four-man team investigates allegations of "misconduct". The nature of the allegations or who had levelled them was not disclosed.—AP.

Greenland quits

GREENLAND yesterday left the EEC to become the first country to quit the bloc since the founding Treaty of Rome came into operation in January 1953. The departure, originally set for January 1, was held up by a dispute over access to dwindling stocks of fish.—Reuter.

Film-maker held

THE Philippines' leading film-maker, Lino Brocka, has been jailed in Manila for "suspected sedition". He was arrested after attending a meeting as one of the independent negotiators between the Government and striking transport workers.

Singer arrested

US police have arrested Harry Belafonte for demonstrating outside the South African embassy in Washington. The demonstration was held to protest against Pretoria's race segregation policies.—Reuter.

No more Times

SRI Lanka yesterday closed the nationalised Times of Ceylon newspaper group which was losing money. Among the papers to go was the Sunday Times, once the country's most popular weekly.—Reuter.

Papal plea

THE Pope yesterday told Ecuadorians in the sprawling shanty town of Guayaquil that he shared their suffering. He also urged leaders to show more solidarity with the needy.—Reuter.

US denied

TAIWAN will not extradite two men wanted by the US, officials said yesterday. The men are wanted in connection with the murder of a Chinese-American writer in California last year.—Reuter.

Arctic rescue

ROYAL Marines yesterday braved an arctic blizzard to rescue a Norwegian couple and their nine-month-old baby, who were dying. The marines were called in because local police had no suitable vehicles.

Asylum sought

AN East German sailor yesterday defected to West Germany after his ice breaker docked in Gørløben port. The man has not been named.—Reuter.

Democrats' new leader

Washington: The Democratic Party yesterday elected a former adviser to Senator Edward Kennedy as its new leader in the drive to rebound from the 1984 reelection triumph of President Reagan.

The Democratic National Committee (DNC), the party's governing body, chose Mr Paul Kirk as chairman over the former North Carolina Governor, Terry Sanford by a vote of 203-151.

Mr Kirk, a 47-year-old lawyer, won by persuading a number of anti-Kennedy party leaders that he had cut his political ties to the senator and would remain strictly neutral in the 1988 presidential nomination contest.

Mr Kirk, who succeeds Charles Manatt for a three-and-a-half-year term, told applauding Democrats that it was time for the party to pull itself together and overcome its image as a collection of narrow interest groups.

"Today marks the end of the soul-searching, the end of the identity crisis of the Democratic Party" that followed Reagan's landslide win, he said.

"Today marks the day the Democratic Party goes back to work to reclaim its rightful and legitimate heritage as the party that speaks to the shared dreams of Americans," Mr Kirk said.

Meanwhile, the prospect of the retired general, Vernon Walters, succeeding Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick as US representative at the UN, now seem almost certain.—Reuter.

Study of pre-Incas

BOULDER, Colorado: A five-year study by University of Colorado archaeologists hopes to learn the secrets of a 1,400-year-old pre-Incan civilisation hidden deep in the jungle of Peru.

The university announced its contract with the Peruvian Government for the first scientific study of Gran Pajaten, on the eastern slopes of the Andes. The 30-acre site contains 15 well-preserved buildings, believed to date from AD 500 to 1500 and decorated with stone mosaic figures.

Mr Tom Lennon, the project's codirector first visited the area in July, 1984, with three other Boulder explorers. They found traces of a prehistoric road and pottery that indicates contact with the Expansionist Incas, yet clearly predates that civilisation, said Mr Lennon.

"There are unplundered hordes of an unknown, unnamed people, located in inaccessible places," he said.

Jane Wheeler, a University anthropologist, said: "We're intrigued by the evidence of dense human habitation, because such jungle areas are apparently unoccupied in other parts of the world."

Gran Pajaten might also be the rainiest spot on earth, and researchers will try to obtain precise measurements of rainfall, Miss Wheeler said.—AP.

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## OVERSEAS NEWS

Governments try to minimise damage from document thefts

### French take envoy from Delhi after spy scandal

From our own Correspondent in New Delhi

France is withdrawing its ambassador, Mr. Serge Boidevaux, at India's request, after the discovery of a French spy ring that stole classified documents from the Prime Minister's office and the Defence Ministry.

Both governments, however, are anxious to minimise the damage to Indo-French relations from the affair. Mr. Boidevaux is being asked to leave, as the French deputy military attaché, Lieutenant-Colonel Alain Boileau, was the colonel alleged to have been directly implicated. The Indians recognise that the ambassador was not, but are holding him responsible as head of mission.

The French Government said that Mr. Boidevaux would be appointed assistant secretary-general at the External Affairs Ministry from June 1.

This latest episode was announced last night by the Foreign Ministry. A spokesman said that the French decision had been "conveyed to us by the French Government after a meeting in Paris between the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Claude Cheysson, and the Indian ambassador, Mr. Narendra Singh, on January 30."

Mr. Boidevaux is understood to have been given 30 days to clear up his affairs in Delhi. A spokesman at the French Embassy said last night that the ambassador was still here. He would not say when the 56-year-old diplomat, who has been in his present post for two years, would leave.

The French still hope, however, that the Prime Minister, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, will visit Paris in June, as planned. Both French and Indian officials emphasised that no firm date had been announced.

There was no comment on either side on speculation in the Indian press that either President Mitterrand or the Prime Minister, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, might stop over in India on their respective visits to Indonesia and China this spring.

There is little doubt here that French chances of landing a major military contract in India are being undermined by the spy scandal.

The contract most immediately involved is for 200 to 600 howitzers. It could be worth up to \$200 million.

The head of defence sales in the Ministry of Defence, Sir James Blythe, is at present in India discussing the howitzer and other possible deals with Mr. Gandhi's Government.

Mr. Gandhi's Government has been "received here" suggests that the Indians are still interested in British equipment, despite reports that they have been marking time as a protest against Whitehall's failure to act against Sikh extremists in London.

Delhi is said to have shelved a decision to buy 27 Westland helicopters for oil exploration work, but British sources noted last night that the only serious alternative that the French offered was a Mirage fighter-bomber from France.

So far, 14 Indians, two businessmen, and 12 civil servants have been arrested in connection with the spy ring. Seven of them, including the alleged ring-leader, Comar Narayan, are still in custody, but they wished to confess, but the Delhi metropolitan magistrate, Mr. Bharat Bhushan, gave them time to consider the implications of their decision.

for his insistence — at least until his final years — on "combining theory with practice."

But the article strongly condemns the slogan with which Mao justified the upheaval of the Cultural Revolution — "There can be no construction without destruction."

As in People's Daily articles in December last year, the Red Flag analysis must be seen as the external reflection of a debate in the party's leading ranks.

Another article, in the latest issue of Red Flag, by Premier Zhao Ziyang, discusses the continuing changes in farm product prices which were introduced at the beginning of this year.

Mr. Zhao says that, as a first step to reduce state subsidies and encourage production, state control over the prices of pork, vegetables and other "loosened" and those of cotton and grain will be "relaxed."

The Chinese public has shown signs of great anxiety about the possibility of higher living costs.

Mao is still recommended

### Child's cry epitomises Bhopal's nightmare

From Eric Silver in Bhopal

EVERY NIGHT for nearly two months, Ramsakibhai, a plump, 35-year-old mother of three, has been roused by her daughter, Gudi, screaming in her sleep: "Mummy, Mummy, wake up. Save me."

Ramsakibhai and her family live in a one-room cement house in Chhola Mandir, a slum colony about a mile from the Union Carbide pesticides plant at Bhopal. Early in December they collapsed in a field after running away from the leaking methyl isocyanate gas.

They were among the lucky ones. None of them died. After two days they were able to go back home but, like most of the Bhopal victims, they are still suffering the effects of the poisoning.

Rehabilitation of the gas victims is proving to be a long slow process. The Madhya Pradesh state government, which has concentrated so far on keeping people alive, is only now starting to measure the size of the problem.

How many died on that grim December night? Was it 1,400, as the Government maintains? Was it 2,000-plus, as most local journalists believe? Or was it as high as 10,000, as some student activist volunteers contend? How many needed treatment? Was

Doctors in gas disaster area are coping with a sickness which they do not know how to cure

it 150,000 as the local doctors say, or 400,000 as claimed by the activists?

Up to the middle of this week, the state government said that it had distributed 12 million rupees (about \$250,000) in cash to 800 bereaved families and some of the disabled. It had also doled out 8,400 metric tonnes of grain, 300 tonnes of sugar, and 200,000 litres of cooking oil. About 22,000 litres of milk are being distributed every day in 24 centres.

The authorities are holding the line, but as Ramsakibhai and countless others testify, they are not solving the long-term problem. The doctors are still coping with a sickness they do not know how to cure. There is no experience or professional literature on the effects of methyl isocyanate poisoning.

The activists accuse them of treating the symptoms and not the disease, but there seems to be little alternative. The last death attributable to the gas leak, that of a five-year-old boy with severe lung damage, was recorded two weeks ago. Few, if any, patients are seeking treatment for the first time, but the hospitals and mobile clinics are still receiving

thousands of outpatients every day.

Dr. Narendrasingh Bhandari, the medical superintendent of Bhopal's biggest hospital, the Hamidia, said that most were suffering from respiratory problems. "Whether this will be permanent... we can't predict at the moment."

The news is more hopeful with the second most serious problem, damaged eyes. Dr. Bhandari reported that his hospital had come across only three or four cases of clouded vision and there had not been a single case of blindness.

It was too early, however, to assess any genetic effects of the gas. So far there had been no congenital defects among babies born to mothers from the stricken areas, but the doctor acknowledged that the first three months of pregnancy was the vital time, so that any deformities would only show themselves among babies born five or six months from now.

All the pregnant women are being followed up, and the newborn babies will be cared for very carefully by us. We shall be checking for two years to see if there are any developmental or intelligence defects," he said.

Dr. S. C. Tiwari, the reader in social and preventive medicine at Bhopal's Mahatma Gandhi Medical College, estimated that about 1,000 pregnant women were affected in 17 slum colonies.

The Indian Council of Medical Research is funding 13 follow-up studies, with a staff of about 80 doctors, technicians, and field workers, who will stay in Bhopal for five years.

Activist volunteers working independently in the slums are not convinced, however, that the health and rehabilitation programmes are getting through to the people who need them. Mr. Suresh Patil, a leader of a leftwing group called the Gas Disaster Struggle, said: "There is a lot of corruption involved. Also most of the programmes announced are still only on paper."

The post-mortem reports are not even being made available to the doctors. Case histories are not being properly maintained, the Government has banned doctors from making documents available," said Mr. Patil.

The young volunteers are trying to set up "people's committees" in each

neighbourhood. "We're insisting that the rehabilitation work be done through these committees," Mr. Patil said. "The Government should take the people into its confidence. With the committees there would be less chance of corruption and political discrimination."

He accused the ruling Congress Party of exploiting the rehabilitation programme for its parliamentary and state assembly election campaign. Other observers here are worried that the work will peter out once the state elections are over in March.

As so often in India, Bhopal's problems are vast, ill-defined, and messy. The motives of those trying to help are mixed and disputed. In the end, the key lies with Union Carbide, whose responsibility for the leak can hardly be contested. But for the time being, the American multinational has assigned the case to its lawyers and its public relations men.

The Attorney-General is in the United States exploring the prospects for an out-of-court settlement which would bring the kind of relief that only money can buy. Until he reports back, everyone is marking time — the Government, the swarms of American lawyers who descended on Bhopal after the disaster, and Union Carbide.

### SA halts forced removal of blacks

From Philip van Niekerk in Johannesburg

IN THE face of growing foreign and local pressure the South African government has temporarily frozen its policy of forced removals of black communities.

Dr. Gerrit Viljoen, minister of cooperation and development, told a foreign correspondent briefing in Cape Town yesterday that forced removals would be suspended until the government reviews the policy.

He also said the government was reconsidering the policy of influx control which, along with forced removals, is regarded as one of the most inhumane and brutal aspects of the apartheid policy.

Academics have estimated that 3.5 million people have been forcibly moved by the government since 1960, as spiritual leaders of up to a million people earmarked for removal in the future on apartheid ideological grounds could be affected by yesterday's reprieve. But a qualification — that the removals would continue if the leaders of the communities agreed — has cast some doubt on the announcement.

Communities likely to be affected by the announcement include about 25-30 "black spots" in "white" rural areas due for removal to the homelands.

In Cape Town the entire black population faces removal to a barren new township, Khayelitsha, 24 miles from the city.

President P. W. Botha's conditional offer to free Mr. Nelson Mandela, imprisoned leader of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), was dismissed yesterday as irrelevant by the Mandela family's lawyer.

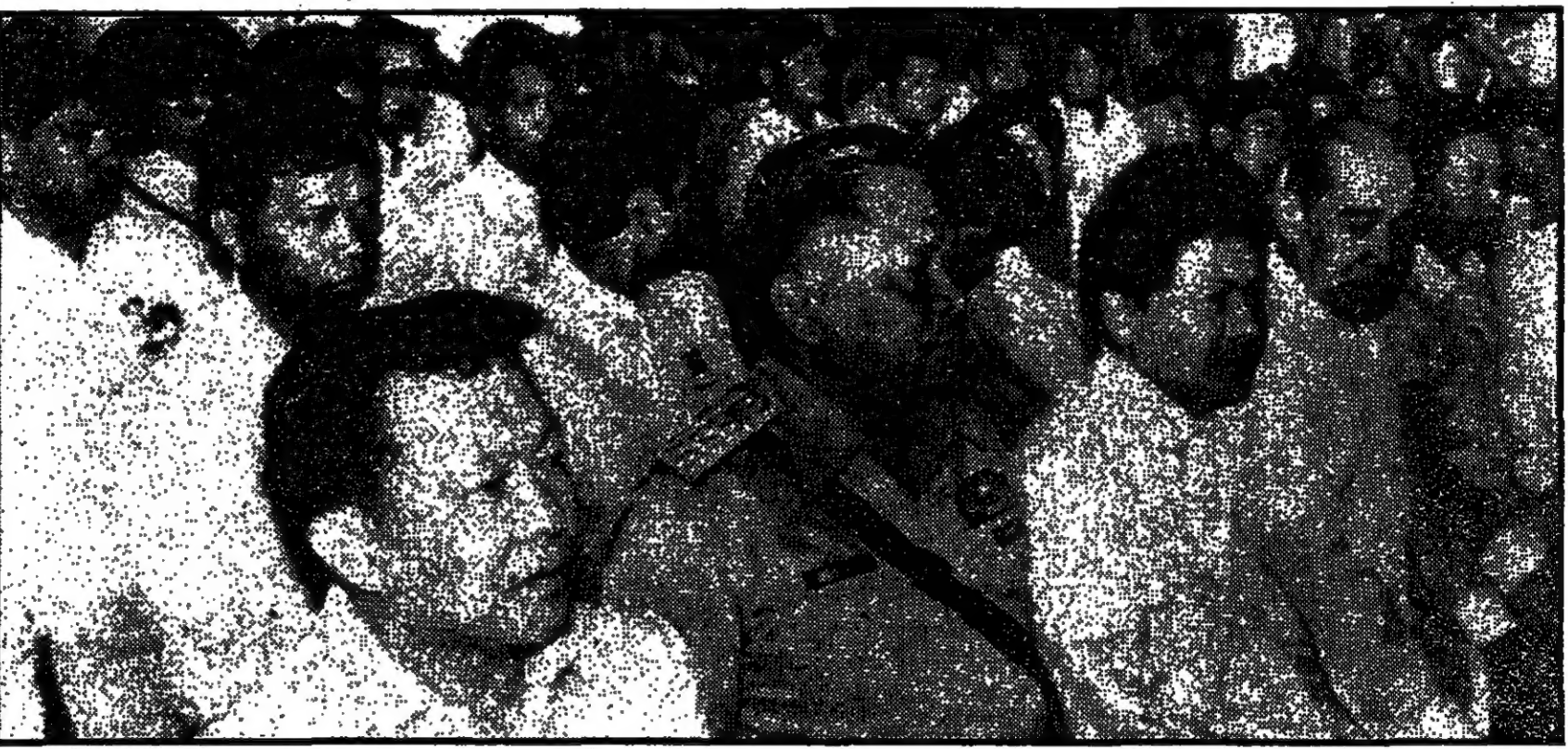
Speaking on behalf of Mr. Mandela's wife Winnie, the lawyer, Mr. Ismail Ayob said: "P. W. Botha has missed the whole point. Mandela has never asked for his release, and he isn't asking for it now."

New post for Tutu

JOHANNESBURG: The Nobel Peace Prize winner, Bishop Desmond Tutu, takes up a controversial post tomorrow as spiritual leader of up to a third of South Africa's Anglicans.

More than 1,800 people — but not including any members of the white minority government — are expected to attend a ceremony to enthronise him as the first black Bishop of Johannesburg. Church officials said yesterday.

Bishop Tutu resigned as general secretary of the South African Council of Churches to head South Africa's numerically biggest Anglican diocese. He has angered many white political leaders by continual calls for international pressure to force South Africa to scrap apartheid. — Reuters.



General Fabian Ver (fourth from left), the Philippines armed forces Chief of Staff, with two generals and 23 others who yesterday denied murder charges in the assassination of Benigno Aquino.

### De Cuellar calls halt to Kampuchea talks

From Nicholas Cummings-Bruce in Bangkok

The UN Secretary-General Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar, concluded yesterday that the results of his visit to Thailand and Vietnam to promote talks on a Kampuchean settlement did not merit an early return to the region.

Mr. de Cuellar repeated his earlier claim to have made "modest progress" and having obtained "important" clarifications from Hanoi of its position on the question of negotiations.

He declined to go into details, however, and conceded: "I don't see much ground for my going back to Hanoi at this stage. I hope that in the near future I find reasons for going back to continue my efforts."

The Secretary-General expressed surprise on hearing that the Thai government, after examining the clarifications he had conveyed from Hanoi, concluded that "there was nothing new of substance that would lead to progress in solving the Kampuchean problem."

A Thai foreign ministry spokesman commented: "Vietnam is still insisting that the Heng Samrin regime (in Phnom Penh) be under its domination, which is unacceptable to Thailand and ASEAN as a whole."

UN delegation sources were reported to have said that Vietnam had offered to withdraw its estimated 160,000 troops simultaneously with the "elimination" of the Khmer Rouge in Kampuchea.

Mr. de Cuellar appealed to all sides in the conflict "to stop the confrontation, stop talking, and make peace" and pledged to maintain his personal involvement in working for a settlement.

His comments at a press conference before leaving for Malaysia and Indonesia coincided with fresh reports of fierce fighting between Vietnamese troops and Khmer Rouge resistance guerrillas which sent some 8,000 Kampuchean civilians fleeing to the Thai-Kampuchean border.

Some 29 Khmers have been killed and 80 to 100 wounded during battles round Khmer Rouge camps south and south-east of the Thai border town of Aranyaprathet over the past three days.

Vietnam has been moving in elements of four divisions for an assault on the Khmer Rouge stronghold of Phnom Malai and surrounding camps. Small groups of Vietnamese troops have crossed the Thai border in recent days to scout Khmer Rouge positions. Thai military sources reported.

### Rebels in aid appeal

Reuter adds: Vietnam has assembled its biggest force ever in western Battambang province, equal to about four divisions of infantry, tanks, artillery and support units, according to the Thai military.

Diplomats said more soldiers and heavier daily clashes since last weekend signalled the start of the drive.

The Thai Army Secretary, Narendol Dechpradyuth, said the Khmer Rouge were attacking Vietnamese troops, tanks, and artillery positions and had stepped up sabotage of roads and communications since Monday.

Feshawar: An Afghan rebel commander appealed yesterday for aid to help guerrillas fight the Soviet-backed Government and avert famine. Amin Wardak said he had written to the leaders of Britain, China, Egypt, France, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and West Germany, asking for anti-aircraft and anti-tank weapons and mortars, as well as large-scale food aid. — Reuters.

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### Car bomb outside crowded Tripoli mosque kills 12

Tripoli, Lebanon: A car bomb killed 12 people outside a crowded mosque here yesterday.

Ten of the victims were killed instantly and two others died in hospital, according to Lebanon's state radio. About 50 others were wounded.

A blue Mercedes carrying an estimated 130 pounds of TNT exploded about 30 yards from the three-storey Imam Ali mosque where 75 people were at prayer.

The blast blew in a wall, wounding the preacher and a 13-year-old boy, but most casualties were among people in the road outside and they included several Christians, security sources said.

The blast followed a series of car bombs in Beirut in recent weeks, but was the first in Tripoli, the country's second biggest city, for some months.

The force of the explosion knocked down a derelict house near the mosque and hurled debris over a wide area.

As hospitals called for blood for the wounded, the Muslim fundamentalist leader, Sheikh Saeed Shaaban, whose supporters built the mosque, accused Jews and right-wing Christian Falangists of the attack.

Police said a quarter of the wounded were Christians, although from the position of the booby-trapped car it was obvious that Muslims in the mosque had been the intended target.

Mosques in predominantly Muslim Tripoli, which has a population of 500,000, are normally crowded for the noon prayers on Friday, Islam's Sabbath.

The city is the hometown of the Prime Minister, Mr. Rashid Karami, who brought Lebanon's principal warlords into a national coalition Cabinet last April in a Syrian-backed attempt to resolve the country's nine-year civil war.

In Sidon, fighting with heavy machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades erupted yesterday when about a dozen unidentified gunmen attacked pro-Israeli militiamen.

Armoured personnel carriers of the pro-Israeli South Lebanon Army militia raked suspected positions of the opposing gunmen with heavy machine-gun fire.

Casualty figures were not immediately available from the 30-minute battle, which came as Israeli troops and their SLA allies prepare to leave the city in the first part of a three-stage withdrawal from South Lebanon. — AP/Reuters.

### Iran claims upper hand in war

TEHRAN: President Ali Khamenei of Iran yesterday dismissed the significance of Iraq's latest ground offensives in the Gulf war, and said that Iran still held the upper hand on the battlefield.

He told a mass prayer meeting in Tehran that Iraq launched its attacks "this week to raise the morale of its troops and to assure its supporters among Arab countries in the Gulf that it was still active."

An Iranian armed forces joint staff communiqué said that Iran had dealt heavy blows to Iraqi forces yesterday in a region 80 miles north-east of Baghdad, where Iraq attacked on Thursday.

Iraq said it had repulsed an Iranian attack in the area.

The Iraqis said that they took strategic hill positions in Thursday's strike, and gained ground in a three-pronged offensive in the war's southern sector on Monday, Iran denied losing ground, and said that its men inflicted heavy casualties.

Leading Iranian officials have discounted Iraq's latest attacks as little out of the ordinary.

Diplomats, however, said that they represented a marked upturn in ground activity, and that Iraq seemed to be trying to throw Iran off balance before Tehran launched its long-awaited offensive.

Iran appeared several months ago to have settled for a strategy of attacking, with limited objectives, what it perceived to be Iraqi weak points along the whole of the war front, they said. Iraq still holds some 400 square miles of Iranian territory captured in the early stages of the war. — Reuters.





Rafting on the Rio Grande, and right, Kingston market — pictures by Alex Hamilton



Alex Hamilton reports on the impact of the recent demonstrations on the island's tourism

## A taste of rum Jamaica

TO JAMAICA, perchance to see it in flames. On the eve of my departure the international press was carrying reports of "riots", cancellations of flights, and celebrities like Roy George penned in their hotels. The American coverage was particularly alarming: "Jamaica Blazes" was a widespread headline. Arriving on the north coast, however, I found the tourists seemingly oblivious of any danger, and engaged in reggae lessons and Wallyball on the beaches without any scent of the smoke from blazing beacons. The only clamour for television came from the universal imperative to watch the San Francisco Forty Niners clash with the Miami Dolphins in the Superbowl, and the only tragedy came then when the Dolphins' record-breaking quarterback was utterly

eclipsed by his opposite number. But in Kingston and the surrounding approach roads there had been smoke, the very smelly sort that rises from burning rubber tyres, lit in an orchestrated demonstration of protest against the hike of 25 per cent in the prices of gas and petrol, the inevitable result of a decline of 180 per cent by the Jamaican dollar over the last three years. Almost as inevitable were the deaths, eight in all, when on the second day the original demonstrators were joined by the men from the suburban ghettos of chronic unemployment. The police, says our High Commissioner, Martin Reid, were restrained. After 48 hours the demonstrators stood down from the barricades, perhaps in response to the words of the

Opposition Leader of the JNP, Michael Manley, who said that enough was enough. Senator Hugh Hart, who recently added the portfolio of Tourism to those of Mining and Energy, none of them a sinecure, told me he believed the protest had run its course even before Manley spoke. Such protests, he said, were natural to the Jamaican style and, to be honest, in opposition to his own party would probably have adopted a similar tactic. The most serious aspect was the potential blight laid by the foreign press on Jamaican tourism, which within a week had suffered 12,000 bed-night cancellations, with more very likely. The most immediate damage appears to be on the north-east coast from Port Antonio, an upmarket villa-

ville where few people are to be seen on the beaches of Trident, Marbella and the millionaires' row of Blue Lagoon, Trident Villas, however, are mostly full of Warner Brothers people, there for six months to make Island Jack, and their chief problem is that their 17-acre site was designed for the deep peace of no telephones. However, the 25-year-old Jamaican who oversees Trident Villas is bent on having a great birthday party for himself, and was thrilled with his own success when he made his entry in drag as Boy George at the carnival opening of the old castle built by a German baroness, and now to be an entertainment and arts centre. "I don't know if there was anyone who didn't scream when I made my entry," he said.

Senator Hart said he would look into the suggestion that empty beds might be the opportunity for some discounting, but the hoteliers I spoke to said they would rather endure empty beds than lower the rates. British tour operators, notably Knott, Silk Cut, American Express and Speedbird, stress guarantees against charges on the overwhelming majority of their offers, and point to the devaluation of the Jamaican dollar to \$5.50 to the pound. They are not correct however in saying prices on the island have remained static: car rental rates for example are punitive, and bus fares though still not frightening have risen this week by 25 per cent. None of the public utilities, incidentally, took any part in the protests.

In Jamaica there is always a tinder that any spark may kindle. And there are always certain districts of Kingston, easy enough to establish, where it is foolish for foreigners to go. That said, my own perception of the island just now is that it is safe. Air Jamaica, caught in the toils of an unrelated labour dispute, causing delays of five hours or more on international flights with long-haul passengers arriving too tired to speak is now running on schedule again. In a 250-mile tour from Montego Bay, taking in Ocho Rios and rafting down the Rio Grande to Port Antonio, and Kingston itself I was held up only twice. Not by barricades of burning tyres, of which nothing remained but black scars on the highway, but by cows, and by police doing a

spot check of vehicles for goja (or marijuana). They had the wheels off the lorry just ahead, so it was a time for submitting gracefully. Jamaican smokers of ganja say they think there may be 10 per cent of Jamaicans who do not use the stuff, but they are not sure who they are. It is all the same an offence to do so, and wiser to stay with the 10 per cent. There is plenty of visible evidence of the drive to reduce consumption. In fact, two examples of this are spectacular enough to be developed as tourist attractions. The first, seen from Morgan's Harbour and Port Royal, looks much like a pretty marina for craft of every shape and size, but is actually an exclusive pound for the prey of the coastguard, mainly caught in the traffic

between Jamaica and Colombia. The other is a selection of wrecked light aircraft distributed at random in fields near Duncan. There is a long stretch of straight road there on the north coast which has been used as a landing strip, with accomplices flagging down traffic at either end while the ganja was off-loaded. But poles have been set in the verges to catch their wings. So they turned to makeshift strips on grass: the accomplices now with torches, are not always clear about the yardage, a place needs to stop in, and often guide them to a sticky (indeed syrupy) end in the canefields. Alex Hamilton flew British Airways to Miami for an Air Jamaica connection to Montego Bay.

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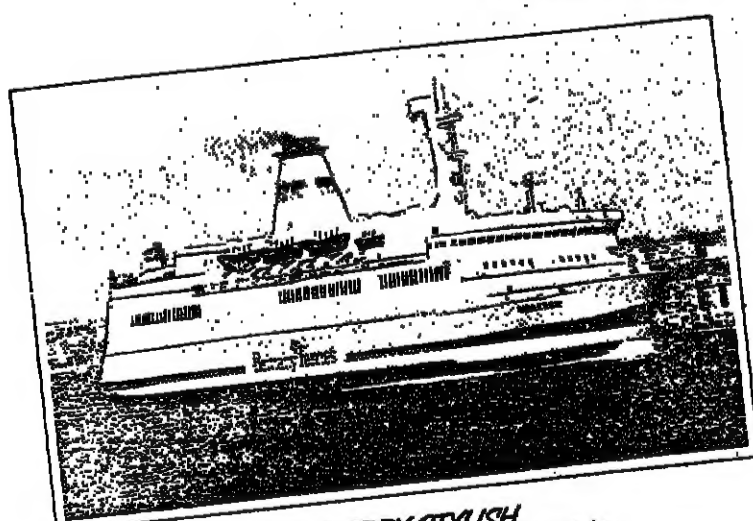
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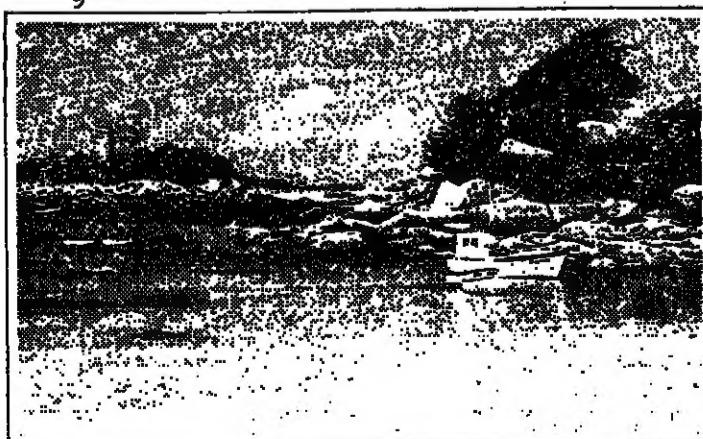
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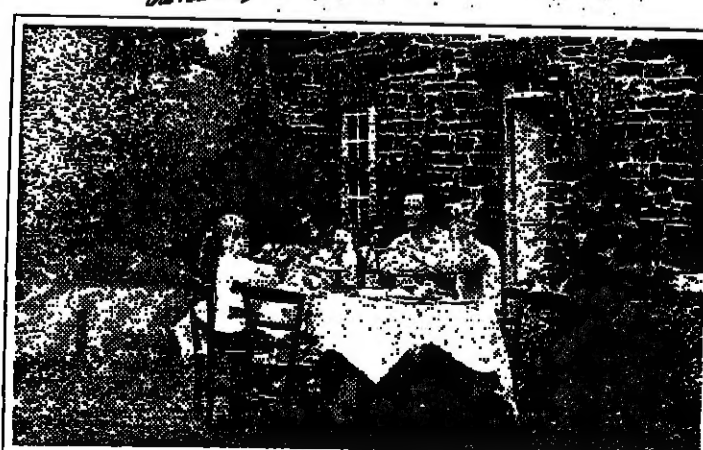
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## WEEK-END ARTS

## A case for the camera

Nancy Banks-Smith applauds Channel 4's coverage of the Ponting trial

I HAVE drafted three responses. Minister, to Mr Muldoon's question about Court Report.

Draft One: "My dear Muldoon. A more relaxed programme than Court Report it would be difficult to imagine. The fluency of the language, the clarity of the arguments are beyond praise. The fact that neither TV Times nor the daily papers carries any information about its timing adds a delightful tinge of mystery. My heartfelt congratulations to the chef."

Draft Two: "Dear Muldoon. I do not have a television receiver myself though Nannie speaks highly of one. I called Giant Daddy (cries of 'Cross back' from the back benches). I was therefore not aware that Court Report consists of four elderly gentlemen of sedentary habits sitting on hot tin roofs in a state of pitiable panic. Each appears to be afraid that if he loses his grip, he will plunge into a bottomless pit of deputy under-secretaries, assistant under-secretaries and private secretaries to the Secretary of State from which he will be lucky to escape with his sanity."

Draft Three: "Up yours, Muldoon. Who asked you to poke your nose in? It will be a cold day in hell, Muldoon, before you get any change out of me. Go boil your head."

After serious consideration, Minister, I would suggest Draft Three as having the merit of candour.

If I had not been watching Court Report (Channel 4), all this week, I don't suppose I would have realised that there are three possible answers to every question.

Channel Four had the simple and noble notion that the law means precisely what it says. That justice, in the words of the defence counsel at the Olive Ponting trial, should be done openly and be seen to be done openly.

As every court is, in theory, open to every subject of the Queen they proposed to offer the public a full, fair, indeed Borenesque report of this case each night instead of brief and breathless fragments of news bulletins and misleading headlines in the daily newspapers. The fact that

in camera means precisely opposite things in law and in television might have served as a storm warning.

The original idea was to have actors read the parts of participants in the trial very boringly indeed. By no flicker or inflection were they to imply a preference or a point of view. In no circumstances were they to behave as if they were auditioning for Rumpole or Yes, Minister.

There is a certain perversity in ordering an actor not to act, and the judge, who had reservations of his own, forbade them to do it that way. Personally I see no overriding reason why TV cameras should not be inside law courts as they are in the House of Lords.

Channel Four's response to this cautionary roar was little less than heroic. They transmitted the programme but replaced the performers with "distinguished broadcasters". Law Gardner, Kenneth Kendall and Robert Douglas, whose outstanding merit was that they knew the way to Limehouse Studios. Indeed, Douglas was already there, preparing an inoffensive offering for old age pensioners called Years Ahead.

People are easier to change than props. The set, a strikingly if mysteriously array of steeply pitched roofs, stayed, with the distinguished broadcasters perched on top like respectable and bespectacled tom cats.

They were all obviously in agony. Each grasped a pen with such a cadaveric spasm that you waited, flinching, for them to snap. Godfrey Hodgson, the presenter, seemed to be reading from a teleprompter but his eyes glared like a man whose tie is too tight.

It was virtually incomprehensible. Everyone mentioned was a stranger and the subject matter was the sort of argument which is far easier to grasp in print, where you can turn back and try again. What, in God's name, is a Sonar Stork?

Four's courage deserved a little encouragement. If you persevered, it became clearer. After a couple of days you could at least tell the counsel apart. The distinguished broadcasters relaxed and let go of their pens. Robert Douglas took to gesturing in a positively papal fashion. Godfrey Hodgson was almost seen to smile. On Thursday they risked a tremendously tiny legal joke. They looked like Snodgrass, Meshech and Abednego when they came out of the burning fiery furnace, much to their own astonishment, only slightly singed.

Court Report has acquired with time momentum and fascination. I would not miss it now. We have been through too much together.

Waldemar Januszczak reviews the Renoir exhibition at the Hayward

## Sweet smell of excess

"THE EXCITEMENT, I think, derives from his willingness to stake everything on achieving a marvellous excess," writes Doris Ashton of John Walker whose paintings can be seen upstairs at the Hayward. She might just as well have been writing about Renoir, whose pictures are to be found downstairs.

Excess, "the two-faced bitch-goddess so often goading 20th century artists," also goaded a few 19th century painters. In Renoir's case she goaded him to triumph and disaster with alternate prod.

Much of the harem with which Auguste Renoir surrounded himself is coloured a yellowish-pink, as if a tub of vanilla ice-cream had been mixed with a bucket of sliced peaches. Out of this vast flesh-substitute you can almost hear the old rasal slapping and smoothing his nudes into some sort of shape, moulding the giant hips he preferred, cupping his hands to form their lily breasts, suggesting their dumb expressions with what amounts to a carrot for the nose and two bits of coal for those flashing black eyes. Renoir is as interested in true characterisation as a man designing a smily badge.

If excess can be said to have national characteristics — and I think both the new Hayward shows confirm it — then the two-faced bitch-goddess goading Renoir is unmistakably French.

There is no morality in Renoir. Not a trace of it. There is no reining in of lust and precious little shame. He thinks nothing of asking a Gypsy girl, who can't be more than 12, to let her shoulder strap hang down and expose her burgeoning bosom. If Renoir had an inner self then it spent 60 years under lock and key. Let me put it another way. In Renoir the inner and outer self, the spirit and the senses, became one.

Hedonism was his religion. This is art which sets out to gobble up — and convey — all the joys which life can provide. Its nudes and its sunshine, its afternoons

spent boating on the Seine and its early evenings dancing at an outdoor cafe in the Bois de Boulogne, are not twinkling through the trees or settling softly on the side of a young woman's face: that is English sunshine, as weak as a spoonful of sugar. Renoir's light floods into the picture with such raw force that it bleaches one poor nude sitting, dreaming by the side of a river, to the colour of an uncooked chipolata.

The Renoir exhibition has, I think, two ambitions. The first is to give a more complete picture of his career and to show that he was much more than an Impressionist. The second is to rehabilitate his late work, those corn-fed bathers who sit around the end of this exhibition like turkeys waiting for the axe. The late work, impossible task whose success depends entirely on the individual spectator's tolerance to excess.

In its first ambition the exhibition succeeds admirably, although at a cost. Basically Renoir the Impressionist has been all but written out of the story, represented by no more than a handful of landscapes, a few boating scenes at Argenteuil, a rocky ravine at L'Estaque, an almost derisory account of what must still be seen as the summit of his career.

For most of this exhibition Renoir is seen not as the rebellious Impressionist who taught French art a new way of seeing and therefore changed its course, but as a quintessentially French painter who belongs firmly in the mainstream, a direct descendant of Fragonard and Boucher, of Delacroix and Monticelli, and in his less praiseworthy moments, of Greuze and Vigee-Lebrun.

His favourite subjects were the French rococo's favourite subjects, lovers having fun round a swing or flirting in the gardens, big pink nudes and side-eyed children, toilet scenes for your play, informal scenes of young girls being taught to play the piano, flower pictures and the occasional landscape to remind you of the joys of the great outdoors.

It is as a sensualist that Renoir achieves his greatest triumph. It is as a sensualist that he commits his most offensive acts of painterly indecency. Throughout his career, which begins with a series of uncharacteristically dark, Spanish-style portraits and nudes, he was capable of mixing glorious moments of virtuoso painting with the most appalling technical ineptitude, often within the same picture.

Parisian Women in Algerian Dress is an early fantasy not so much inspired by Delacroix as a brazen example of aesthetic theft. Shown in various stages of veiled disreputability, the two girls on the right try unsuccessfully to convince us that they are dreaming of some distant mystery of the Orient. But the one on the left, a solid and sensible looking Parisian model, is a triumph of naturalism and seems to have wandered on this exotic set by mistake from a painting by Courbet.

It was always so with Renoir, the sublime and the ridiculous squabbling over the same stretch of paradise. He is at his best working on a smaller scale, giving his brushstrokes their head in a confined space, in the dazzling Impressionist landscapes and tremulous flower studies. Renoir's bouquets are not the careful arrangements of roses and carnations that we encounter so often in the salons of French art but real bunches of flowers, 30 chrysanthemums at a time, rolled up loosely in brown paper and thrust into the hands of a passing mademoiselle.

No other age but our own would have attempted the rehabilitation of Renoir's late works. They are such disgracefully decadent paintings, an old man's dream of a golden age, blurred around the edges with pink and white, marzipan on the inside. Everywhere you look there are plump, subservient washer-women doing his shirts for him, or nudes just sitting by the side of the river looking lazy and unintelligent, like fat human herons.

These late nudes are somehow more pathetic and less realistic than the earlier ones. Renoir's late nudes are not about sex but about fading dreams. For the first time you sense a painter who has felt regret. Among the late portraits the most sympathetic and contemplative he ever painted — is one of Madame Renoir. We have seen her often before in the show, the nude embodiment of the Rubensian women he admired. Here she appears as a human being for the first time, old, fat and weary.

Upstairs at the Hayward, the two-faced bitch-goddess goading John Walker is unmistakably English. These dark, ponderous paintings are the work of a man so uncomfortable with expressing his emotions that they can only emerge as huge black fists of pain and wind.

A juggernaut stuck in first gear, John Walker's art crawls past its themes painfully slowly, examining each one from all sides, loth to leave it behind. The Alba series is based on the portraits of Goya and Velazquez. An abstract shape which stands as solid as a column at the centre of each picture appears to be derived from the outline of the Italian princess in Velazquez's Las Meninas.

Looking at these paintings, at the enormous physical labour that went into them, the scraping and the spidging, the sheer weight of paint, the hunger for profundity, the use of religious formulae, triptychs and diptychs, the quotations from the Bible, I was reminded instantly of those rock musicians who appear on stage surrounded by dry ice and laser beams, banks of speakers, giant light towers and huge video screens showing Fritz Lang's Metropolis, when all they want to say is Baby, I Love You. There is as much emotion in a single chrysanthemum painted by Renoir as in a whole door full of pictures by John Walker.

Renoir and John Walker at the Hayward Gallery until April 31.



Detail from Renoir's Gabrielle With Jewellery (1910)

Michael Billington on The Government Inspector

## Gogol's goblins

THE LAST production of The Government Inspector I saw was at the Moscow State Theatre where the play became a toothless farce with Khlestakov portrayed as a camp dandy. Nothing could be further from Richard Eyre's new production at the Olivier which, with exuberant panache, treats Gogol's masterpiece as a nightmarish comedy about communal terror and individual self-delusion; and even if Rik Mayall makes the hero too much a raging psychopath his performance is still outstandingly funny.

John Guter's epic set, so often seen in the West, is covered with a vast realm of yellowing bureaucratic parchment in which giant bluebottles are permanently trapped. In a lightning flash the image of Nicholas I is projected on the paper, growing ever larger until it and the document disintegrate; from behind it, in a cloud of smoke, emerges a tableau of middle-eastern provincial officials who learn that the Government Inspector is on his way.

Immediately this sounds like a serious Eyre production: we are in a society governed by paper, fear and paranoia. As Nabokov once pointed out, Gogol's play is not a realistic study of provincial Russia (of which the author had seen very little). It is, he said, a private nightmare peopled with Gogol's own incomparable goblins.

Having established a mood of phantasmagoria and panic (where Jim Broadbent's Governor sticks a tricorne-shaped hatbox on his head instead of the hat), Eyre pulls his next trick by introducing a Khlestakov who is young, violent and batty.

In the past, Scofield and Ian Richardson have played the St Petersburg clerk dazzlingly as an ageing fop. Rik Mayall, with hair like a rabbit on fire and ballooning cheeks, has made us see him as a seething, non-stop suffering the wildest delusions of grandeur.

One sees the point that Mayall and Eyre are making: a society governed by fear is ripe for appropriation by a lunatic. And Mayall is both chilling and funny in the way he plays it (as Michael Chekhov apparently did in Stanislavski's production) an insecure booby turning into a demented psychotic under the influence of satyrs.

By pushing the idea of lunacy so far, however, this interpretation undercuts other characters. When the Governor's wife says, "He's got that St Petersburg air — he looked so suave and sophisticated" you feel she is the one who wants looking up to cause what we have actually seen is a madman on the brink.

A good idea, about the fanatical Russian subversion to power, is pushed beyond the limit; and when Rik Mayall hides from Peter Plyshin's bribing charity Commissioner and obviously pushes his pinkies through the waistcoat we are close to the realm of Spike Milligan's Oblomov where other actors are served up as feeds to the sharks. Restrained, however, not a word in Mr Mayall's vocabulary; and even though his technique is limited he offers a memorable final image (in a speech from Desdemona) under the stars into the stratosphere crying, "Every country, every empire — they make way for me."

This is one of several liberties taken by Adrian Mitchell's excellent new version which finds distinct idioms for each character and which contains more funny lines than I remember. ("Women," spits out to the Governor, chauntastically to his wife and daughter, "That one word runs me up"). And even if Mr Eyre's production gives Mayall too much rope Jim Broadbent is superb as the Governor with lavatory-brush hair and quaking embowment; Rosemary Martin as his wife is all dowdy lust.

Though it is slightly over the top, this production actually gets closer than any I have seen to the position of people living out a Russian nightmare. What finally the whole petrified community is shunted into the shadows at the arrival of the real Government Inspector you feel the audience's account of living under a dictatorship.

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## Solti/Chicago SO

IT IS NOW nearly 16 years since Sir Georg Solti became music director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and under his baton this leading orchestra still has power to surprise as well as to draw predictable admiration. The love affair Sir Georg's term for his relationship — still goes on, as we heard in this first of two concerts rounding off a long and gruelling European tour.

Too often American orchestras in London are jettisoned to a man at the start of tour, or else dying in the interval. Solti, however, at the end of the Chicago orchestra started ominously this time with quite the coarsest performance of God Save The Queen I have heard in years in a crude arrangement with brass unpleasantly

raucous. That coarseness, I suspect, might have been deliberate, when in seconds Shostakovich's Ninth Symphony started with a lightness and delicacy to have one doing a double-take of delight.

Solti and the orchestra, in scintillating form, showed us that this is not just the converted ballet score which most critics have dubbed it, but a concerto for orchestra not far short of Bartok's early first movement. A full of laughter, showing how far the fierce Solti can now relax with his players. The lyrical second had a reserve in its clarity with no romantic indulgence, leaving us to a dancing scherzo, a breathtaking presto. The one moment of genuinely deep feeling in the work, the bassoon recitative which musically punctuates the brief but monumental fourth movement was then the more heart searching before the spiky frizzieries of the finale.

The Shostakovich Ninth was a revelation: the Bruckner Ninth then brought comparable clarification and brilliance of execution, but the revelation was more limited. Bruckner marked the open-

ing of the symphony mysterious, but Solti/Chicago clearly allowed little or no mystery. This was Bruckner brought into the light of day, powerful not just in the day, but in the night, with the Chicago brass getting very near the tolerance limit in the Festival Hall — but equally in the hushed transparency of pianissimo.

BIRMINGHAM  
David Fanning

## Rattle/CBSO

THAT Simon Rattle can programme five fairly unfamiliar pieces and still draw a full house is revealing. Even more so is the fact that to judge from the CBSO's forthcoming Thursday concert (the next one pairing Schoenberg's Opus 15 and Mahler's Seventh Symphony), such a programme is no freak.

And when you see rows of young faces intently following Haydn's Symphony No. 84, or the not-so-young faces in the more expensive seats

smiling in obvious appreciation of Ives's Unanswered Question, the extent of Rattle's impact is apparent.

Birmingham audiences obviously trust him, and no wonder. He wooed them with the straightforwardly gothic Nocturne from Scriabin's First Symphony, and sent them away with Bernstein's sublimely tasteful Prelude, Fugue and Rite. This is actually a far less interesting piece than, say, Antheil's Jazz Symphony, but it is still a guaranteed crowd-pleaser, especially when as here, it is played with the coarseness and stiffness of the tempo.

In between, he offered the most spontaneous, sympathetic Haydn anyone could wish for. This is roughly how I imagine Beecham's Haydn to have been, so natural and unforced in its presentation that you wonder why other performances never seem to sound right. Shostakovich's First Violin Concerto was written for David Oistrakh, and anyone who knows his recorded performance might wonder how it could ever be matched. In the hands of Victor Liberman this happened — and a devastating experience it was.

Liberman, who came to the West only five years ago, is now leader of the Concertgebouw Orchestra. He has all the qualities of the great Russian violins — a tone with as many shadings as the human voice, the ability to savour a musical turning-point with the utmost refinement, and yet also, when needed, to dredge up grim emotions from the darkest recesses of the soul.

In the fourth bar of the orchestral introduction there was a special atmosphere. The fateful strokes of the gong later in the movement, the stifling of the tempo for the xylophone theme in the scherzo — these and innumerable other details showed Rattle's instinct for Shostakovich's music.

Liberman's response was awesome. From the oppressed, convoluted lyricism of the nocturne, through the implacably brutal scherzo, the sorrowful passacaglia and his fantastic cadenza, he unfolded an interpretation of total mastery, even managing to screw up the tension for the desperate panache of the finale. I had not thought to hear such a comprehensive account of this masterpiece from any living violinist.

Monday: The Good and the Great (Radio 3, 7 pm). Peter Hennessy, ex-Whitehall correspondent, looks at those Royal Commissions and committees of enquiry whose reports hit the headlines (and are often conveniently forgotten). How do they work, and who appoints them?

Tuesday: Jimmy Young (Radio 2, 10.30 pm). The Gibraltar border, which was closed 15 years ago, is officially opened today, and the Rock is getting the accolade of a visit from Jimmy Young.

Friday: Old Stagers (Radio 2, 10.30 pm). This new series, with the wonderful Grade Films.

Tomorrow: The Theban Plays: Oedipus the King

Val Arnold-Forster

## Highlights of next week's television and radio

## Monday

Miami Vice (BBC1, 9.25). Feature-length pilot for a new crime series: two undercover cops, one a black New Yorker, the other an ex-footballer, with nothing in common but their dress sense, team up to track down a drug dealer among the sleazebags in Florida's sun city.

Horizon (BBC2, 9.30). If you're a left-handed, stuttering dyslexic who suffers from allergies, take heart, you've a better than average chance of being a good tennis player, computer designer, or architect. According to a genial Harvard professor, all these characteristics are dependent on the right side of your brain predominating over your left, and that in turn depends on your hormonal mix before birth.

Heaven, Man Earth (CA, 9.0). Patchy documentary about the rituals and redefining of the Holy Land. As so often, the historical allusions are among the most in-

teresting. The links between the present-day British dealing and the British optimum trade.

## Tuesday

Brigade (BBC1, 9.25). Discomforting play about a veteran of the Spanish civil war who is re-united with two fellow International Brigadiers 47 years on. Now a successful novelist, he's unwisely tried his hand at autobiography. His memories may have faded but their grudges haven't.

First Tuesday (ITV, 10.30). Television brought the fame in Ethiopia to the attention of the world, and this documentary, filmed in the rebel northern province of Tigre, could have a similarly profound effect. It shows that the civil war goes on despite the shared suffering of the two sides, and that the rebels, with the help of her mysterious gardener Biko (David Suchet) George Cole is the shiftier Sir Giles. Like most of Sharpe's novels, hilarious and over the top in about equal parts.

Michael J. Bird, author of

Who Pays The Ferryman? and its successors, evidently feels he's sated our appetite for sea, sex, and sorcery on the Greek islands because his new mystery thriller is set among the fjords of Norway. An Englishwoman comes to claim her inheritance — a fish processing plant and an eerie island house — left to her by a total stranger. Too lugubriously Nordic by half in the first episode.

## Wednesday

Blot On The Landscape (BBC2, 9.0). First of a six-part dramatisation of Tom Sharpe's novel about the riotous consequences when an MP conspires to have a motorway driven through his wife's ancestral home. Geraldine James, tweedy and rampant as the formidable Lady Maud, leads the resistance with the help of her mysterious gardener Biko (David Suchet) George Cole is the shiftier Sir Giles. Like most of Sharpe's novels, hilarious and over the top in about equal parts.

Timewatch Special (BBC2, 8.10). No anniversary is too obscure or distant to escape the BBC's attention and tonight it is the turn of Charles II for the commemorative treatment (he died 300 years ago). His character and achievements are assessed by David Drew.

## Thursday

The Outcasts (BBC2, 9.30). "We're not the weekend bikers who go to the seaford to beat up pensioners — as a matter of fact, we're past all that," confides one of the Great Yarmouth Hell's Angels basking in the limelight of this Forty Minutes Documentary.

Helen Oldfield

## Radio

Today: Blandings (Radio 4, 12.37 pm). Start of a new Woodhouse series, with Richard Vernon as Lord Emsworth.

Tomorrow: The Theban Plays: Oedipus the King

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## WEEK-END PEOPLE

## Don't let's be beastly about Hollywood

"I'VE HAD it up to here," said Samantha Eggar, chopping her neck. Deceptively strong hands. Something amiss here. The presentment had fanned on entering her Chelsea flat, seeing her frowning absorption in a magazine article. Something about her red mane of hair triggered the thought that a mouse had just been pushed through the bars.

She read the article aloud. It dealt with the accident that befell Paul Scofield and other actors during the filming of *The Shooting Party*. "This being the world of film stars," she recited with arch emphasis, "someone had a phone in his Range Rover."

After 30 years away she has returned to her native house to find the British being beastly to film folk and Hollywood in particular. She's heard the odd snide comment during her Hollywood run of Arthur Schnitzler's play *The Lonely Road*, in which she and Anthony Hopkins return to the London stage at the Old Vic on Wednesday.

The telephone might have saved Paul Scofield's life, she said. "Why has anyone got to bitch? I know niceness is dull. I think we need more positivity and have a nice day. All of us must pull together. Life's too short. This isn't a joke. It's the take: he's the editor and you could go tomorrow."

And end up on God's cutting-room floor. But hadn't Schnitzler's summed up European courtship when, receding from American insistence that he have a nice

day, he complained that life was too serious for such frivolity? He was Russian, she replied, promptly producing an ancient photograph of an unsmiling Russian group.

Perhaps, I ventured, the reason was that Russian aristocracy was not up to Hollywood standards. "You're doing it again," she accused. "My teeth are British, Mary. A Yankee has touched this reddest mouth." A vision of her throwing them against the fireplace to clinch British workmanship faded with a glimpse of her arm biceps.

"I feel this antipathy against Hollywood," she was saying. "Hollywood is only a name. It's a pretty sleazy part of town now. I want to take away the wasted antagonism I pick up here about a non-existent city. I think it's a bit unfair. When people talk about England as being not the empire it was, I defend it vehemently. I am probably more royalist than I have stayed here for 30 years."

But she didn't and certain bigoted sections of the British population might feel, not to put too fine a point on it, that she had sold out. She inhaled. "Sold out? It's grossly incorrect."

She explained why. Her ascent to a land flowing with milk-shakes and jacuzzis was not as instantaneous and premeditated as may be commonly supposed. She began her theatre career with Donal Wootton in a Cecil Beaton play, spent two seasons at Oxford. Playhouse under Frank Hayman, and then worked at the Royal Court with Tony Richardson and George Devine. She appeared



EGGAR: concentration is 150 per cent — picture by Kenneth Saunders

in live TV plays and made her mark in the film *The Wild And The Willing*. Then came the movie that won her best actress award at Cannes and an Oscar nomination. *The Collector*, with Terence Stamp, was shot at Hampstead and Pinewood in 1964.

William Wyler got a cold and decided he didn't want to stay in Britain. The cellar set was reconstructed at Columbia Studios, and we all went over there. I had never been to the United States and had no intention of going. I was engaged to Tom Stern, who was filming in Utah. I came back here and

got married in a church round the corner. If I wanted a honeymoon I had to go back to Utah, where she was offered *Walk Don't Run* with Cary Grant.

The entrapment began. She had a son, went to Britain for Doctor Don't, had a daughter, and was then signed up for *The Molly Maguires*. During the next few years she roamed the world, making 14 films based out of Hollywood. It was only in 1973, having exceeded her quota while shooting *Anna And The King* with Yul Brynner, that she was forced to secure a visa.

"I started living there be-

cause by this time my son was eight, my daughter six, and they were upset that they didn't have their own bedrooms. That put a sword through my heart. I rushed out and bought a house in Brentwood, near the beach."

Awarded one dollar a year alimony during her divorce in 1971, she continued to make films in the States and Canada. She has devoted the last six years to her children, turning down offers to act at the local triplex in the States and while shooting *Anna And The King* with Yul Brynner, that she was forced to secure a visa.

"I started living there be-

change of gear? Not quite the bicycle ride everyone had predicted, she admitted. Concentration was longer, distractions greater. "On film one is so protected. If there's a sound the guy gets fired. For a few minutes your concentration is 150 per cent. It's like driving a Porsche from zero to a hundred and back down again. In the theatre you must sustain that at all times. Ropes and bits of string fall from the flies and you pretend it's a leaf."

At 45, Victoria Louise Marie Elizabeth Samantha Eggar, formerly of Hampstead, is weathering

well. Richard Harris once remarked that beneath her tough as old sticks. Like her fellow exile, Jackie (Hollywood Wives) Collins, she seems to have grown an extra layer to compensate for the disturbance to her roots.

She finds California beautiful and does not contemplate another move. But London has both entranced and disturbed her. A child of the Sixties, she sensed the people have consigned the Seventies to limbo. "I suppose 20 years is a long time," she said. "I don't quite know who I am."

## In the Lapp of the gods

THE LAPPS' sense of humour has been sorely tested by the Russian missile that crashed recently in Finland and whose remnants are now coming to light. Nor did their joy, fastness resound with chuckles when they learned that the Western media reported that the impact area was only occupied by a few reindeer herders.

Magne Ove Varsi, a young Lapp journalist visiting London, dropped in the other day to administer a mild rebuke. "It is not true that there is just one lonely Lapp in that area," he said. "There were Saami (Lapp) people whose houses were trembling when the missile crashed. It could have landed on them. Even though we are a small population we don't want any nuclear weapons flying over us."

He recalled a Nato general's remark some years ago that northern Norway would be an ideal nuclear battleground. Such fears lend urgency to attempts by the Pan-Nordic council of Saami people in Norway, Sweden and Finland to demand more say in their destiny.

The largest Nordic concentration of about 40,000 Saami is in northern Norway, where Varsi was brought up and helped to establish a Saami newspaper. Unusually, he went to a school of journalism and now attends Oslo University.

His childhood was fairly traditional. His mother still weaves tapestries. His grand-



Reindeer: not alone in facing nuclear threat

father was a herder who followed the reindeer migrations from their winter grazing grounds in the interior to the northern coast. Undeterred by a new town in their path, the Norwegians regularly chew up Norwegian gardens.

The Saami want to follow Nature's cycle, he said. "We think that the land is our mother. It is the basis for our life. But we were colonised by the Bible and drink. We are now quite assimilated. We are bicultural and bilingual, which we think enriches our lives."

Like most Saami children, Varsi was compelled to learn Norwegian. Many of his own people, ignorant of their traditions, tongue, are still unable to communicate with relatives in nearby Finland.

"We don't say that we don't want to learn Norwegian or that we don't want to live in Norwegian society. We do want our language and culture to be at the same level as theirs. Then we can meet as equals."

The Saami have virtually lost their battle to stop a hydroelectric project on the Alta River, which is to dam Northern Europe's largest canyon and submerge traditional grazing land. Two hunger strikes won a government pledge to investigate their rights. They are now demanding their own parliament.

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DAVID MEYER: triumph of hope over experience

## Which twin is Tony?

THE theatrical twins David and Tony Meyer, were recently offered a single part in a play at the Liverpool Everyman. Well, almost. They were to play Siamese twins. But it was as well that the plan came unstuck, it would have established them even more firmly as a double act than appearing together as the two contrasting sides of Hamlet in Celestino Coronado's film of the play a few years ago.

Tony was the doubting side of the Prince of Denmark, and David the affirmative. It was not, says David, type-casting. Since then, the twins have largely gone their own ways, with David being pressed into service as a film producer, for Coronado's latest Shakespearean venture, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which opened in London this week.

David says he only did the job because he badly wanted the film to be made. It was shot in Spain, edited in England and is adapted from the Lindsay Kemp Company's theatrical production. There was a Spanish co-producer, and both he and David had small parts.

One of the most splendid moments for me, says David, "was to watch my co-producer, looking extremely saintly in full Archbishop's gear, trying to explain to the cast why they were going to be back tomorrow and not today."

Actually, the production



went pretty smoothly, despite the small budget and the film was accomplished from beginning to end in less than a year, being successfully shown at the London Festival last November. It's a gutted version of the play, lasting only 77 minutes, but David is sanguine that it keeps to the spirit of the original, and does one thing that no theatre production could effectively manage: it makes the fairies as small as they ought to be.

"That's a great bonus as far as the audience's imagination is concerned," he says, "and it's a play that really needs such an emphasis. Yet we cut the text in half, but then so did Olivier when he made his version of *Hamlet*. In the cinema, that doesn't matter. The poetry has to be visual and anyway that idea is so powerful that they stand up without the language, which unfortunately is actually a barrier for a lot of people who can't get to grips with it."

David, however, doesn't think he will embark on a career as a film producer now. What he really wants is to broaden his appeal as a screen actor. He was in *Octopussy* not so long ago, and enjoyed that immensely. "Some contrast in budget, of course," he remarks ruefully. "But I discovered that, despite that, all films are made in exactly the same way. If it's British, it's a triumph of hope over experience, however much money you have."

Sydney Carroll to play Falstaff in the first part of Henry IV, is showing signs of worry, in so far as his face is capable of showing anything but flickers of seraphic wisdom.

Mr Robey's dilemma is the simple one of the man, aged in one medium (for he has been almost 50 years a comedian), who has been asked to break new ground and with fresh, as yet unbanded, implements. Sancho Panza in the Pabst film of Don Quixote somehow "came easy," as he says. "It was a straightforward piece of characterisation and there were no difficulties of learning long speeches, much of them, to Mr Robey's mind, of little meaning."

FEBRUARY 5: E. A. Montague: Jack Petersen lost his fight with Walter Naue, of Germany, at Wembley tonight (February 4) and with it most of his hopes of the heavyweight boxing championship of the world. His father threw in the towel in the 11th round when nothing but Petersen's courage was keeping him on his feet.

The direct cause of his defeat was the reopening of the old cut over his left eye. This is now a chronic weakness and the eye was in such

## BIRTHDAYS

TODAY: Actors: David Jason, 45; Farrah Fawcett, 39; and Elaine Stritch, 60; Lord Bessborough, former Archbishop of York, 87; Andrew Davis, artistic director, and chief conductor, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, 41; Les Dawson, comedian, 52; Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, 47; TOMORROW: The Earl of Astrim (Viscount Dunlue), keeper of conservation, Tate Gallery, 50; Shelley Berman, comedian, 59; Michael Dickinson, National Hunt trainer, 35; Jeremy Kemp, actor, 78; James Michener, author, 78; Bobby Simpson, cricketer, former captain, Australia, 49; singers: Val Doonican and Frankie Vaughan, both 57.

MONDAY: Actresses: Pamela Franklin, 35, and Ida Lupino, 87; Hylda Baker, comedienne, 77; Alice Cooper, rock singer, 37; Russell Hoban, author, 60; Erich Leinsdorf, conductor, 73; TUESDAY: Professor Sir Alan Hodgkin, master, Trinity College, Cambridge, 71; Frank Muir, writer, broadcaster, 65; Professor Alan Neville, principal and vice-chancellor, Dundee University, 62; Sir John Pritchard, conductor, 64; Charlotte Rampling, actress, 39.

WEDNESDAY: Ronald Reagan, president, United States, 74; actors: Zsa Zsa Gabor, 66; Gavie Humicutt, 42; and Patrick Macnee, 63; Claudio Arrau, pianist, 62; Louis Heren, journalist, 64; Denis Norden, writer, broadcaster, 63; THURSDAY: Dora Bryan, actress, 61; the Earl of Harewood, magazine director, English National Opera, 62; Gareth Hunt, actor, 42; Peter Jay, writer, broadcaster, 48; Alan Lancaster, of Status Quo, 36.

FRIDAY: Jim Capaldi, rock singer, 41; Osman Ellis, harpist, 57; Dr Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi, 64; Jack Lemmon, actor, 60; Lana Turner, actress, 65.

a horrible condition when tonight's fight ended that one wonders whether Petersen will ever fight again. A Max Baer or even a Steve Hamas would open it in the first round, and Petersen will run the risk of permanent injury, perhaps even of blindness, if he subjects it to any more hard punching.

FEBRUARY 6: Tonyville Cardus: Sir Donald Novis is reprinting the programme notes has written for his concerts in Edinburgh.... Here is the finest writing on music achieving in our time; it is writing that penetrates the composer's thinking and the composer's seeing and conceiving processes....

He manages to avoid telling the great composer how to compose (a duty that may safely be left to musical critics who operate farther south). Sir Donald's critical credo is summed up in these words: "There is only one way to understand an artist of Beethoven's range, and that is to assume that he means what he says, and that he has ample experience of the best way to say it."

"No music can be understood from a priori generalisations as to form," but "must be followed phrase by

phrase as a process in time." Nothing more than that is needed for the study of every composition ever written; all "musical appreciation" is here — and none of the blarney.

FEBRUARY 8: The head of the National Socialist Racial-Political Bureau Dr Gross, admits in an article issued through the Propaganda Ministry that scientific teaching in the universities has to be subordinated to Nazi Doctrine if the two come into conflict. "The idea [by which] is meant the Nazi idea] must remain clean," he states in explaining that the State recently found it necessary to remove Dr Saller from his lectureship at Göttingen University because his ideas on racial science differed from those of Herr Hitler and the party.

Dr Saller is a specialist in anatomy and anthropology who, it is stated had concerned himself with racial questions for years.... In 1932 Dr Saller is stated to have written: "What Hitler or Rosenberg have said concerning the field of which I have some understanding — namely, the racial question, and especially the Nordic races — is rubbish."



DEAN: feeling the draught — picture by Garry Weaser

## A big sister of substance

IN THE highest traditions of its craft, the Daily Express thus recorded the election of Brenda Dean as the next general secretary of the print union Sogat 82. "A pretty, platinum blonde became Big Sister to 225,000 trade union members — and were the brothers pleased!"

"I don't get up-tight over that sort of thing," she said. "I believe in the old adage of not trying to chase the shadows and losing the substance. I would get more upset if someone distorted an industrial dispute rather than a trivialising report like that. It doesn't harm the union and that's my main concern."

She was secretary of the union's Manchester branch for 14 years before being elected president in 1983. She started work as a 16-year-old office secretary. One day she was asked to take notes at a union meeting. "I was bored to tears with my work. I am sure if something else had come along I would have considered it. I never thought 'One day I will become general secretary'."

The bulk of Sogat members work in paper making and general printing although the activities of its Fleet Street workers — only 10 per cent of membership — have attracted most attention.

Brenda Dean says that she wants to steer Sogat peacefully, without strikes. "One of the first lessons I learned is that if you earn £100 and you go on strike for two weeks, you need at least £6 a week more to make up the difference. Of course sometimes you have to take industrial action. I have been on flying pickets."

Last year she took charge of negotiations in the Times

dispute, which halted production for nearly a month. "I was delighted," she said, explaining that she had been suffering withdrawal symptoms, chained to a desk at HQ in contrast to her mobile role in Manchester.

"For me the Times dispute was 'back to your tools'. On two occasions we almost resolved it: I had the distinct feeling that Mr Murdoch was running the dispute from a distance."

She has also crossed swords with Robert Maxwell, reporting him to his local Labour Party in Oxford East for his attempts to have Sogat assets transferred — even though he paid the union's £75,000 fine. "There is no personal vendetta against Mr Maxwell," she said, "but I find it an unacceptable double standard. He is always saying what a good friend he is of the unions. His action meant that our union could have been taken away from our members."

She sees difficult times ahead over new technology in Fleet Street, but points out that the cardboard box industry has been revolutionised without national stoppages. She also faces the continuing contraction of paper-making, which she ascribes to unfair energy pricing and international competition.

"When Bowaters in Ellesmere Port closed down last year the Fleet Street proprietors could have helped to save that mill by giving it orders. At the time the pound was standing high against the dollar, and since we buy paper and pulp in dollars, Fleet Street newspapers were making money against their budgets. It's now come full circle: we will feel the draught."

## Partners in time seeking life in space

EVERY day 100 metric tons of cosmic debris are dumped into the earth's atmosphere. While mankind chases moonbeams in space, the evidence of life's origins stares us in the face, claims Prof. Chandra Wickramasinghe. He has recently been able to study samples collected by NASA's high-flying U2 aircraft.

Wickramasinghe (46) has long been campaigning with his partner, Sir Fred Hoyle, to persuade the scientific establishment that the spark plug of evolution came from space and that interstellar bacteria are the building blocks of life. Earth, they believe, is merely an assembly station. The latest evidence confirms a theory which they had deduced mainly by long-distance observation.

In 1962 Wickramasinghe was given police protection from religious extremists after giving evidence to the Arkansas "monkey trial". Confounding the expectations of creationists, he both damned the hated Darwinism and dismissed their argument as claptrap. "I didn't deceive anyone,"



WICKRAMASINGHE: picture by Graham Turner

he recalled. "I told the Arkansas lawyers that I couldn't go along with them. But as I was the only scientist of repute among the witnesses, I think they felt they were going to score a legal point. They lost the case."

The partners' frequent cries of Eureka have fallen on deaf ears. "We have come to the conclusion that there is no freedom of speech in science. On tech-

nical grounds there is little argument, but very rarely is discussion permitted to take place in journals. Science journalists have taken on the role of policeman and referee."

Wickramasinghe, born in Ceylon, heads Cardiff University's department of mathematics and astronomy. He is the nuts-and-bolts section of the duo. "Fred does a lot of his thinking in the abstract."

I am not so much of a free agent. I keep feeding him with all sorts of interesting things that he mulls over on his walks in the Lake District."

It has taken Nasa 20 years to lower its sights to the upper atmosphere, he laments. Even now the agency is reluctant to culture bacteria from cosmic dust — a hesitancy which he believes, stems from the misconception that life originates in primordial soups.

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## Manchester Guardian 1935

FEBRUARY 2: America has a new Messiah, and like so many others, he comes from California. He is Dr F. E. Townsend, of Long Beach, in that State, and he has a formula for immediately bringing about the end of the depression and guarding against any future economic difficulties. His scheme is known as the Townsend Old-age Revolving Pension Plan. Its operation, if you assume that it is economically feasible, is simplicity itself. He proposes a pension of £10 a week to every citizen, male or female, over sixty years of age, on three conditions. The first of these is that he shall withdraw from all remunerated work, the second that he shall not have been an habitual criminal, and the third that he shall promise to spend his entire monthly pension of £40 within 30 days after receiving it, on three conditions. The first of these is that he shall withdraw from all remunerated work, the second that he shall not have been an habitual criminal, and the third that he shall promise to spend his entire monthly pension of £40 within 30 days after receiving it, on three conditions. The first of these is that he shall withdraw from all remunerated work, the second that he shall not have been an habitual criminal, and the third that he shall promise to spend his entire monthly pension of £40 within 30 days after receiving it, on three conditions.



## A bus that may run over Mr Ridley

Buses are accelerating into the political fast lane as the issue most likely to cause the Government parliamentary accidents during 1985. According to your taste, the Transport Bill published this week embodies all the Thatcherite virtues of vices in their purest form. To Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Secretary, the bill offers a nirvana of deregulation and open competition in local bus services, bringing lower fares, new service and better value. Road service licensing will be abolished, private operators will have an open day, the National Bus Company will be split up and privatised. Public subsidies will be cut at a stroke, at a £200 million saving, and replaced by a new consumer orientated mixed regime of coaches, double-deckers, minibuses and shared taxis. To its opponents, who already range from the Labour local authorities to the National Federation of Women's Institutes, with several stops en route, the bill sacrifices people for profit. It will mean a downward spiral in services, an end to concessionary fares, the abolition of cross-subsidy, the killing off of all but peak hour public transport and a licence for safety scoring cowboys.

Mr Ridley's bill will inevitably be fought out in ideological primary colours. But both sides have a serious case to put forward. On Mr Ridley's side there are the mounting costs of the present local bus system. Between 1972 and 1982, bus fares have risen by around 30 per cent in real terms. In the same period, car drivers' costs have risen by only 3 per cent. As a result, fewer people are now using buses: bus passenger journeys have fallen by almost a third in the same period. Revenue subsidy per journey has shot up almost twentyfold. In cash terms, subsidies to the bus industry have risen from £10 million to £530 million in a decade. Show those figures to Mr Ian MacGregor and he would have his scalp out for an uneconomic business. On the other hand, large minorities of the population are highly dependent upon buses. Even today, 41 per cent of households have no car. Of these, 85 per cent are bus users. Particular groups in the population, those who are too young to drive and those who are too old, and women of all ages, are especially dependent upon buses to get about. Take the buses away, and they are all but imprisoned in their own neighbourhoods.

As befits a true political loyalist, Mr Ridley has bought the first set of arguments and has largely ignored the second. The result is that services will be sacrificed to savings all along the line. Any merit in, for example, the encouragement of shared taxis and minibuses will be swept aside in the unremitting cost cutting logic which is at the heart of the bill. It gives carte blanche to the lowest bidder. This means that even the existing profitable services will be slashed to the bone, leaving a skeletal network of peak hour services running on Mondays to Fridays only throughout those parts of the country where there is still sufficient economic activity to justify them. As for the half dozen pensioners in Little Dozing on the Wold who want to get into town from time to time, they can forget it. And, as the experimental deregulation schemes have already illustrated, safety standards could suffer in the bargain.

These are some of the reasons why the bill has already provoked a wide coalition of protest, wide enough surely to make Mr Patrick Jenkin think that his problems with the local authorities are little ones by comparison. Many Government backbenchers from the shires are already uneasy. The House of Lords, even in the last parliament, has assigned itself the role of defender of the nation's rural transport, and it can be expected to do so again this time. For Mr Ridley, recovering in his corner after a midweek backbench pummeling over Stansted, the prospect of another bruising 16 rounds on the buses must be enough to bring on thoughts of retirement. To have an accident-prone minister in any department is bad enough. To have one in charge of transport means it could be time to take him off the road.

## Who shot down what, and why?

Then what did happen to the rogue Russian missile? And is it Mr Casper Weinberger who has flown off course, or the US Defence Department of which he is in charge? Thursday's Daily Express carried a circumstantial report that the cruise missile which "crashed" in Finland five weeks ago was not off course, as was said at the time, but had been wrongly programmed with a war plan to head from the Barents Sea to Hamburg. According to this account, the Russians scrambled their fighters and shot it down. Moreover they used a hot line to the Pentagon where American officials agreed to collaborate in keeping the details secret to avoid jeopardising the Shultz-Gromyko arms talks in Geneva. Assorted Western defence agencies sent a large part of Thursday's rubbishing the Daily Express story, until late in the day Mr Weinberger the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the Russians had indeed shot down their missile. Clarity at last? By no means. The Pentagon then put out a statement saying that when Mr Weinberger said the Russians had shot down a missile he "did not mean to imply" that the Russians had shot down a missile. It had simply "ceased to fly." No such verbal confusion has overcome the administration since the days of Eisenhower and Dulles, when yes by the one was clarified as meaning no by the other.

Mr Weinberger has an interest in impressing Senators with the power of the Soviet military machine, and used the shooting down of the missile as an illustration. But the Pentagon has an identical interest and must have had a cogent reason for contradicting its boss. This suggests that indeed there was some contact with the Russians about the incident which, for reasons of tact or diplomacy, should not have been revealed. Another explanation is that Mr Weinberger was referring to a different incident. He used the phrase "a couple of days ago" and the Finnish incident was on December 28. In either case the flat contradiction between the Secretary and his officials is of Belgrand proportions.

Whatever the truth, both superpowers emerged from a potentially dangerous muddle with some credit. The Americans made little of it at the time (it could equally have happened to them) and the Russians apologised to Norway for the overflight of its territory. If indeed there was a hot link, a fact which the Pentagon might wish to conceal, then it worked. The remaining nicety, however, is that Mr Weinberger made his statement during testimony in favour of the Star Wars defence project. That project, even if it worked with ballistic missiles, is not designed to work with cruise missiles. If the Soviet missile had had a warhead (which by general consent it did not), and if it had been correctly instead of incorrectly fired, not much would have been left of Hamburg on December 29. All Mr Reagan's lasers would have been unable to protect it.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### How green are the phoenixes?

Sir, — As two long-term unemployed people, we read about Guy Dauncey and The Phoenix Economy (January 28) with particular interest. We share Dauncey's revulsion against "economism" and we find it offensive and degrading to have to label ourselves as unemployed. But, alongside another four million plus who are, and that almost certainly means being poor, cold, and our children not as well fed or housed as we'd like them to be.

The small-is-beautiful business sometimes seems less addressed to the wants and needs of people like us than the cosy fantasies of some of its usually employed, usually white, usually male, exponents. How are the people round here supposed to start a vegetable garden when they haven't got gardens; share a job when there aren't any decent jobs? And we'd rather give a miss to spending our time segregated in a drop-in centre for the employed.

We don't see low-paid home work for women as an alternative to the new economics. It's another of its ugly expressions. Tell us a bit more about the failure rate of small businesses and the heavy personal costs for many people taking them on. The trouble with the new, supposedly alternative economy is that it frequently offers the illusion that there are alternatives for us, we'd get out of our nests and look for them — while leaving the massive political and economic forces that crush our lives and hopes, unstatic and unchallenged.

We're all for a new society.



that empowers people and enables new and equal relations between races and sexes, able-bodied people and people with disabilities. But don't let's pretend it can exist on the quiet with Thatcherism. — Yours Sincerely, Peter Bedford, Battersea Community Action, London SW11.

Sir, — It is a pity that Walter Schwarz's admirable article (January 28, 29 and 30) on The Phoenix Economy, falls into the old trap of concluding that, because the political vision underpinning the emerging new economy can't be neatly classified as either Left or Right... "This new movement has no political platform." One can imagine that a similar action might have come from a sympathetic reviewer of Marx's early work who, puzzled because Marx's economics couldn't be conveniently pigeon-holed in Tory/Whig Victorian Britain, came to the conclusion that Marxism had no political base. In reality, of course, Marx's economics was part of a quite

new political alignment that was to be the most potent agent for change in this century. Exactly the same can be said for the new economics today. The political platform of which it is a part is still coalescing, but already the Green political parties have power or influence right across Europe. In this context, it is worth pointing out that The Other Economic Summit (TOES) was the brainchild of, and received its seed-money from, the Ecology Party, though it soon attracted wide support and commitment from non-party political quarters too. Speculation as to the ultimate nature of the political coalition that will fully mount the challenge of the new economics is premature, especially in this country with its ossified political institutions and undemocratic electoral system. We can, however, be sure that such a coalition will be based on life interest, not class interest; will be global in perspective and locally effective, and will place a firm emphasis on personal development and social jus-

ice. It will be neither Left nor Right, but Green. — Yours faithfully, John Lambert, Ecology Party Council, London SW 9.

Sir, — Congratulations on your Phoenix Economy series. The conducted tour of the new economy, though necessarily taken at a gallop, covered a lot of the ground. But I was appalled to read in the third article that "the only warmish sympathy for the new ideas we found among politicians came from Shirley Williams."

Did you approach any Liberals at all? Many of the new ideas described in the articles have been official Liberal policy for years and most of the rest are dependent on a political and philosophical approach which is entirely consistent with Liberal thinking.

The Liberal Ecology Group was founded in 1977 and has several MPs among its growing membership. In Seung Green, Jonathan Porritt wrote: "Of all the political parties... the Liberals are the most likely... to move towards the green position." We have, in fact, already moved a long way in that direction, as will be shown at a Green Briefing to be held on February 18, when David Steel will be one of the speakers. You quote Shirley Williams as saying she is in the business of teaching her own party about such matters. We hope she succeeds. — Yours sincerely, Tony Beamish, Liberal Ecology Group, London SW1.

### How Britain is falling into disrepair

Sir, — A number of recent reports have identified the appalling shortfall in expenditure on public building infrastructure.

These include the Audit Commission review on non-teaching costs in secondary schools, the National Economic Development Council report on investment in the public sector built infrastructure, and still more recently the preliminary report of the National Federation of Housing Associations chaired by the Duke of Edinburgh. They all identify a growing and rapid deterioration of the public building stock.

My institute, which is the only body whose members deal solely with the maintenance and repair of the public building stock, has first-hand knowledge of

the situation which has arisen over recent decades. Its own findings confirm the view of other organisations.

Our training courses, seminars, and conferences have been instrumental in substantially improving the efficiency with which public authorities maintain their buildings, both via private contractors and directly employed labour.

I believe the general public should be made aware of how its investment, by way of central and local taxation, is being allowed to deteriorate — in some cases, beyond economical repair — because of the progressive cuts in Government funding. These assets will either be abandoned and sold, or higher investment of public money at some future date.

Why then not inject the needed money now to maximise the use of financial resources and to employ the many thousands of skilled building craftsmen who are currently unemployed? Local authorities already have capital receipts which could be used to fund these works.

The policy seems to be to save now, pay a higher cost later. — Yours faithfully, Winston Fear, The Institute of Maintenance and Building Management, Farnham, Surrey.

Sir, — The Government's proposals for mean-streaming and cuts in home improvement grants will hit not only the average home-owner, but also the private tenant, home-owners and tenants who need, or who cater for people who fall outside both central and

local government housing policy.

The plan to replace home improvement grants with a new system of local council administration and the building works will ensure unemployment.

Cut-backs in home improvement is a false economy when Britain has one million units of dwellings in the private sector, and a further 1.2 million in disrepair.

One-third of public and private housing was built before 1919: only now will double or treble costs in following years. — Yours, Nolan Walsh, 27 Rona Road, London NW3.

### Miscellany at Oxford

Sir, — I note the Conservative election agent thinks Oxford was foolish not to give an honorary degree to Mrs Thatcher. He reminds us there were the people who said they wouldn't fight against Hitler. The best academics always learn from their mistakes. — Yours sincerely, Jennifer Birckett, Dundee.

Sir, — 30.18 per cent of Oxford dons — 319 votes out of 1,057 — votes for Mrs Thatcher to get her doctorate, and it's called a snail; 30.84 per cent of the British electorate votes for her in a general election (1983) and it's called a landslide. Of course, Oxford split into 350 constituencies or maybe it's that magic 0.66 per cent extra that does it. — Yours sincerely, L. Raphael, Kilnmeas, Strathclyde.

Sir, — I hope that we at Leicester University will be offering Mrs Thatcher an honorary degree. There is quite a large sum of money that the University Grants

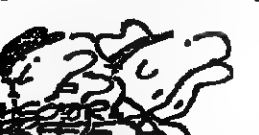
Committee will not be giving to Oxford University next year, and we could make good use of it. — Yours faithfully, Anthony Mathew, Leicester.

Sir, — The decision of the Oxford dons not to grant Margaret Thatcher a degree is typical of the narrow, unimaginative, self-centred, ungenerous, and purblind attitude of an institution that is happy to grant such honours to nonentities, Harold Wilson and Sir Alec Douglas-Home, the generosity to reward the strongest Prime Minister this century, who will also go down in history as one of the most radical.

And this is the trouble, isn't it? Maggie is too uncomfortable to live with. She nonetheless deserves better treatment than this, and the Oxford decision will be treated with contempt by millions of citizens including those who, like myself, have not voted for Margaret Thatcher, but will now consider doing so. — Sincerely, Roy Hill, Guildford, Surrey.

### Falling foul of City slickers

A MILLION TO ONE 'BRITAIN'S RECOVERY'



Sir, — How welcome it was to read Christopher Rubens' article on the rational and damaging activity of our foreign exchange operators. (Financial Guardian, January 29).

To listen to our political leaders and economic experts one would imagine that the "market" to which they constantly refer is an all-seeing single being of immense power and financial awareness, alert to every insignificant commercial event that daily occurs, as it sells sterling buys dollars, reverses forward, takes an option, or any combination of these in any major currency.

In our long-term interests perhaps it would be as well if we, on the outside, could take as detailed a look at the "market" as it purports to do on a daily basis at our miserable attempts to create and build a healthy, economic society. Maybe we would discover

a world where responsibility is the taking of any mean advantage, where long-term benefits of a nation's economy is cheerfully ignored to make an extra 1/16 per cent; where fiction as to what is happening in the real world is substituted for fact to justify a massive switch from one currency to another to create a speculation.

The true "market" might be seen merely to be the modern equivalent of the "bookie's runner", but on a scale so enormous that it is immensely damaging to the efforts of those who, outside this strange world, try to create real wealth.

But I suspect that it will remain unchecked because any substantial investigation might truly expose the myth of the City's contribution to our economy. — Yours, etc. 48A Ventnor Drive, London N20.

### Pro arte

Sir, — Who's Who tells us that the favourite pastime of Brian Sedgemore, MP, is "sleeping on the grass." His article (Agenda, 28 January) attacking the proposal to set up the London Institute reveals an ignorance of art education so profound that I am convinced he must have been indulging in his hobby of late.

So much of his article is wildly inaccurate and unfounded that it would be tedious to rebut each assertion, whether silly or merely wrong. However, it is a matter of fact, not opinion, that over the last 25 years there has been a steady decline in the number of art education sub-committees has conducted the most widespread, and radical review of higher education ever held in London.

Individuals, groups, local and national bodies, as well as London MPs, were invited to comment at every stage. The particular proposal to establish the London Institute emerged over a year ago, genuinely innovative ideas out of this consultative process.

At this point, rising from his Hackney lawn, Mr Sedgemore chose to attack with more gusto than good sense a proposal which had already attracted an enormous degree of support. I find it surprising that an MP should skulk silently and anonymously in and out of public meetings that were discussing the plan. Odd that anyone, other than a cub reporter, should invest sinister meaning in remarks taken from the official transcript of a 24 hour meeting that were giving a practical illustration of the benefits the institute will bring to fine art teaching in London.

It is an indication of his intention, that he never chose to get in touch with political colleagues at County Hall. It is much simpler, after all, to let others do the thinking, consulting and planning.

No-one, least of all Mrs Sedgemore, hard-pressed by rate-capping, would want Brian to sit up into the small hours in Parliament, defending London's education, if his heart is not in it. That is properly a matter between his conscience and his responsibility to his electorates.

Meanwhile, those of us with the energy, and perhaps even a little vision, will get on with the hard work in the future of art education in London secure. — Yours sincerely, Neil Fletcher, (Chair, Ilea Further and Higher Education Subcommittee), London SE1.

### Law less

Sir, — As you describe (January 30) the latest Lord Chancellor's legal aid advisory committee and Law Society annual reports express their concern at the imminent prospect of up to half of the UK's 64 law centres closing down. Such are the likely consequences of the Government's policies towards local government.

On the same page, you run the story of a further £50 million Government clawback from the Greater London Council, an action which brings ever nearer the day when the money runs out to run the services in many inner-London law centres.

The Law Centres Federation has consistently complained to the Government since the Abolition and Rates Bills were first mooted that they would have dire unplanned consequences for their services and for other innovative community schemes in depressed areas. For example, the likelihood of many of our law centres' users' disadvantaged, and mostly dependent on unskilled or semi-skilled work for employment — being able to travel any distance for work by train or bus in this time seems minimal.

Without some changes in the plans, we estimate that we will lose 20 to 30 per cent of grant income between 1984/85 and 1988/89. Our colleagues in the Citizens' Advice Bureaux, housing aid, and neighborhood advice networks are in a similar plight.

Several schemes will probably close altogether; others reduce their services. Most of Britain's poor and disadvantaged are denied adequate legal services — only one person in 10 lives where they can use a law centre at present — yet some two million of the six million people currently able to visit a law centre are likely to lose the facility soon.

Local Government Minister Kenneth Baker has publicly stated his wish to listen, and we hope to put our case to him soon. If the Government continues to talk of protecting worthwhile voluntary endeavour while refusing to fund its plans, services publicly endorsed by both Government and its advisers will shut down.

Legal, housing and general advice and assistance are essential provisions in a modern democracy, especially in a time of recession. Time is running out. We do hope ministers will pause for thought before it is too late. — Yours sincerely, Brian Baker, Law Centres Federation, London, W1.

### The bon coeur and the bon mots of James Cameron

Sir, — All readers of the Guardian, and many others too, will mourn the death of James Cameron, undoubtedly the finest chronicler of the human condition of this age. A great good man, and his friend, will not again grace your pages.

On July 29 1980, the Guardian published a piece by James entitled "Heaven raised" — a deeply moving memory of his close friendship with our aged younger son Nicky, who had just died at the untimely age of sixteen. Generous, kind, honest, and passionate James ended with these words:

"One vigorous and questioning life has been untaken, and no one will ever know why. Now you are in heaven, Nicky, give 'em hell. Save a place for me."

Dear James has his place with Nicky now. — Yours, Frances and David Bacon, 3 York Terrace West, London NW1.

Sir, — In 1970 I left the aptly named action department of D. C. Thomson in Meadowsdale, Dundee, vacant the seat once occupied by James Cameron, to move to the news sub-editors' table at the Scottish Daily Express in Glasgow, again following the path of the good man.

There the similarity ended. I maintained a warm and admiring interest in him from afar and five years later, on the night of the launch of the doomed Scottish Daily News adventure, I was fighting vainly for calm at the news that the man himself was on his way upstairs to wish our first-edition efforts well.

He entered abashed, surrounded by TV, radio, and local personages, his eyes fixed on the workers' cooperative leader, who nodded in my direction and turned Mr Cameron towards where I was sitting in the first splash. What was I to say? How to tell him, without flinching, of the years of pleasure and respect?

He nodded and grinned. "Aah, how do you do? I've been looking forward to meeting you for a long time." He said it so gently that I went on believing it for the rest of the evening. — Yours sincerely, John Hodgman, 30 The Hamlet, London SE5.

Sir, — As a journalist, I feel grateful that the Guardian was so rightly generous in space and words in giving James Cameron his due as one of the very few whose life and work lent much needed lustre to our tiny profession.

About the only thing left unsaid was the inspiration he gave to colleagues, especially those lucky enough to share a newsroom with him, and many a well-remembered conversation.

Just one anecdote (true) to add to his legacy. We were ascending Bourville Street from the News Chronicle office and he was visibly exhausted, just hours back from a Seattle conference in Bangkok, a long plane-changing turbo-prop flight. I ventured that he was born too late for his calling, a favourite theme of his, as

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Dining with friends and a rather pompous RAF officer about to retire, we fell to discussing this gentleman's future. (This seemed appropriate, for we were talking about his psychology in my subject.)

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# WEEKEND SPORT: THREE

Robert Armstrong

## Everton seek final re-run

### SOCCER

Now that Everton have been given another home draw against unfavourable opposition in the FA Cup it is becoming more feasible to regard them as realistic candidates for the League and Cup double. The elimination of both Tottenham and Arsenal from the Cup ensures that neither will repeat the achievement that still gives London a unique place in the game's history.

While Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday, Southampton, and Liverpool all have a theoretical chance of success in both competitions, it is Everton who appear to possess the qualities of durability and consistency that could enable them to retain the Cup and win the championship for the first time since 1970. Many First Division

STOKE CITY, desperate for a goalkeeper after WBA recalled Paul Barron from last season, received a special League clearance to play Port Vale's Barry Suddall at Sandwell, for whom he played 167 games. Newcastle, at West Ham, have accepted keeper Kevin Carr and brought in Martin Thomas.

Howard Kendall's side are determined to beat even harder to catch once they have taken the lead.

Though Gray and Sharp may not be regarded as the League's most potent striking partnership, the Scottish duo are effective enough to have kept Everton on course for a target of 100 League goals this season. The team is strong all the way down the spine with Southall a pillar of authority in goal. Ratcliffe and Mounfield commanding in central defence, and Reid keeping the engine room nicely tuned while Shedy scores goals.

Today they play host to Watford for a re-run of last season's FA Cup final. Neither Cotton, McClelland, Blissett, nor Rostorn were part of the 2-0 defeat at Wembley. Their presence today should pose a more formidable threat. The fans can expect a handful of goals if the last two games at Vicarage Road between the clubs are any guide. They ended in a 4-4 draw and a 3-4 win for Everton.

The fact that Everton have yet to make a postponed visit to Tottenham increases the pressure to build up extra insurance before the sides meet at Watford, without Reilly who has a calf injury, but Barnes has recovered from an injured ankle.

Sheffield Wednesday at home to Liverpool, were tipped as likely champions by Lawrence McNamara last weekend as their inability to hold a 3-0 lead at home to Chelsea in a Milk Cup replay must raise doubts about their killer instinct. They have defeated all the top sides except Everton, which should in theory make them joint leaders, but their loss

of points against middle-order teams low on quality and high on work-rate suggests the limitations of their high pressure style of play.

Liverpool, still an excellent outside bet for the title, restore Lawrenson to central defence following his recovery from a pulled hamstring. Gillespie, who performed solidly against Spurs in the FA Cup, must compete with Johnston or Walsh for the role of substitute, underlining the fact that no one has a secure place at Anfield. Wednesday name the side that drew with Chelsea.

Luton have failed to beat Tottenham since returning to the First Division in 1982, but there is no reason to believe that this pattern will be altered at Kenilworth Road. Luton are 19 places behind Spurs and looking in more danger of relegation than last season when they briefly held a place in the top six before deteriorating.

Peter Shreeves' side would be foolish to underestimate a Luton team who have improved since the arrival of the striker, Mick Harford. Spurs are forced to reshuffle their defence, switching Stevens to centre-back in place of the injured Miller, and including Mahood in midfield. Luton's midfield is strengthened by the signing of Peter Nicholas whose aggression could upset Hoddie, who has recovered from a kidney injury.

Manchester United field an unchanged side against West Bromwich at Old Trafford for a target of 100 League goals. A statistical survey has shown that United enjoy only a 42 per cent success rate in the league when Robson is unavailable. Their challenge has faded since Christmas, leaving Atkinson with the possibility of having to win either the FA or the UEFA Cup to keep his job.

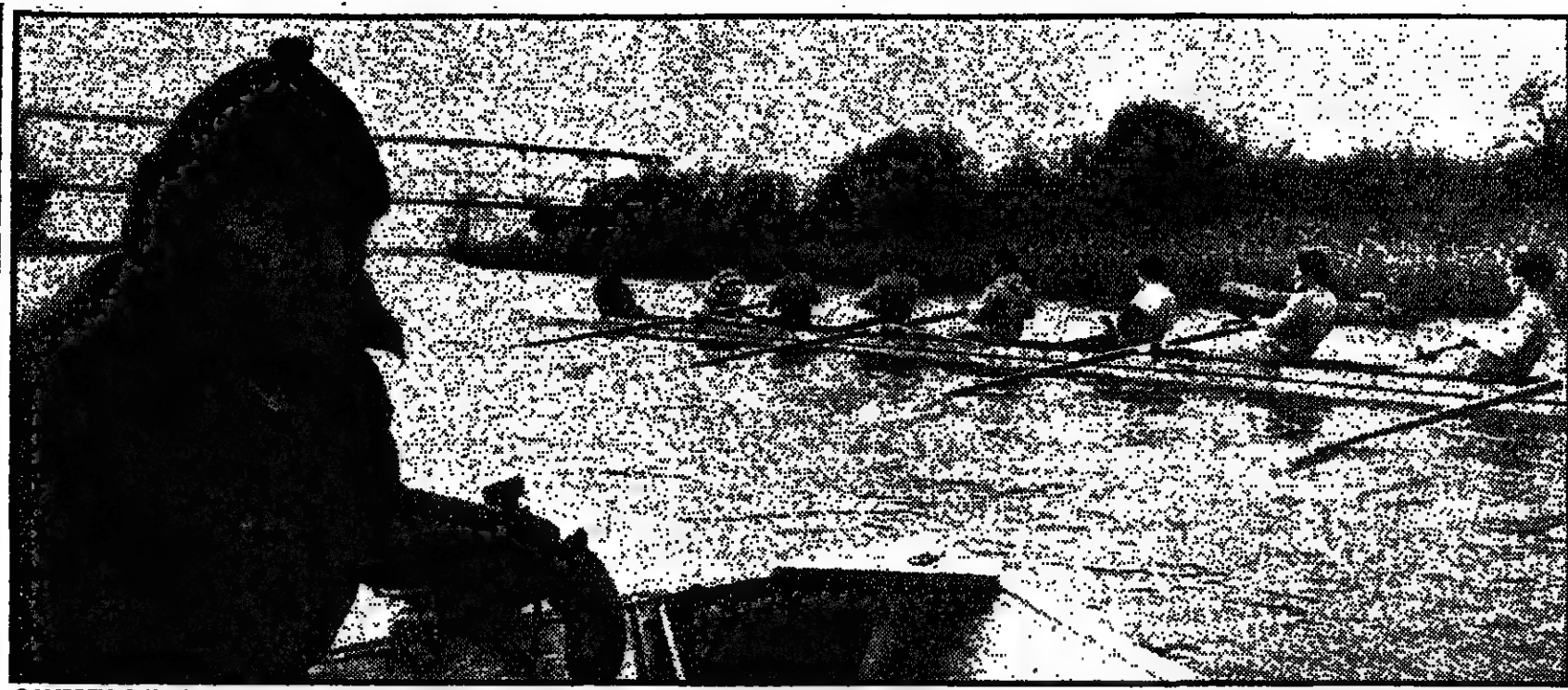
Don Howe keeps faith with the 12 Arsenal players who took part in the stunning FA Cup defeat at York, though Ian Allison may start the home game against Coventry with Charlie Nicholas dropping to substitute. Arsenal have become so unpredictable in defence that the Sky Blues must fancy their chances of repeating their 1-0 win at Highbury last season. Don McKay, the caretaker manager, has recalled Peter Barnes to attack.

QPR have dropped Stained in favour of Byrne for the visit of Southampton. But Rangers who yesterday failed to sign Neil Webb from Portsmouth for £250,000, are still without Mick Robinson who has been to hospital with stomach pain.

Norwich yesterday called on the visit of Southampton. Keith Waugh on loan from Sheffield United when they discovered he was Mick Clifford.

Wigan have signed Liverpool striker Paul Jewell, top scorer last season in the Andfield reserve team.

Manchester United last night secured a Crystal Palace offer of £55,000 for winger Alan Davies and defender Billy Garton.



CAMPBELL'S KINGDOM... Cambridge University's new Canadian coach Neil Campbell runs his eye over probables for the Boat Race. Picture by E. Hamilton West

Christopher Dodd follows the Light Blues' preparations

## Canadian capers at Cambridge

### ROWING

WHAT I mean by best," Neil Campbell said to the Cambridge probables, "is beat them so bad that they hang up their oars and never want to row again." The reserve crew, sitting on the Great Ouse at Ely, were not within earshot. The Cambridge crew then gave them two thorough wallopings, showing a depth of power inspired by the new seating order in which Campbell had arranged them.

Campbell followed in his motorised tin bath, quiet during the set pieces but holding cryptic comments and snappy orders during the rest of the outing. "Don't rush him, Six... He's the stroke, let him stroke... Four, you're late in, get it in now... Three,

hold it in, keep it covered." That sort of thing.

"The mark of a good athlete," he says, "is that he's flexible enough to allow himself to be coached. They're a good bunch of boys. They work hard; They got good attitude."

Campbell is looking after Cambridge for two weeks in preparation for the Boat Race on April 6, a race they have lost for the last nine years. He owns a gas station in St. Catherine's, Canada. "I'm here because it's just gone self-serve," he says. He is here also because his Canadian eight won the Olympic gold medal last summer, surprising everyone except himself.

Two Oxford blues, Mike and Mark Evans were in that crew. The Cambridge president, John Garrett, was a member of the British team in Los Angeles, and invited Campbell to join his coaching team under Alan

Inns, and Cambridge University Boat Club has paid his fare and found him a room.

Almost Campbell's first act after watching Cambridge get the better of the University of London last weekend was to move Garrett forward from the Seven seat to the Three seat, James Witter from the bow to the crucial Seven seat, and David Hughes from Three to Bow. The effect was some offence taken by Garrett, who sees himself as the No. 7, and therefore as the transmitter of stroke's rhythm to the bow side of the boat. And, without ideological baggage or convoluted vocabulary, "I believe in puddles and kiss coaching."

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oar. You can see him improving already.

Garrett may be as good a Seven man, but he may turn out to be an outstanding Three man. The object is to win the Boat Race. I don't care where you sit. Doesn't matter."

Campbell is refreshingly uncluttered by any knowledge of Boat Race custom, practice or tradition. He has an impressive record himself, stroking the Canadian eight in the 1966 Olympics when he was 38, and bringing out-standing Ridley College crews to Henley. He travels without ideological baggage or convoluted vocabulary. "I believe in puddles and kiss coaching."

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reserve boat whom Inns thinks should be tried for the Blue boat. "His is 20p, while everyone else's is 50p. If it was me, I wouldn't waste time trying him."

He may be new to the Boat Race, but Campbell is already as keen as the mustard which he takes on his bread. "The greatest asset a coach can have is to motivate," he says. "To be able to motivate (the crew) have got to be able to motivate you. It's a two-way street." All his best crews, he says, have been a family, and he feels he is becoming part of this one. They are showing signs of raw speed, which was the basis of the success of his Olympic crew.

"You've got to have raw speed, then you get technique and finesse. And that comes from the crew," he says. "Henrietta Henry Shaw, who is forecast as the first woman to steer Cambridge. I like her. She's tough and she can steer good."

## RUGBY UNION

David Foot  
Bristol 3,  
Gloucester 0

## Three off in taut tussle

There were as many dismissals as points at the Memorial Ground last night in a match where meritable status was restored only a few hours before. The only score was a stray penalty by David Sorrell.

John Doubleday and Nigel Scriven were sent off nine minutes from the end after a vigorous forward exchange; earlier, Jeremy Bennett had been dismissed for a late challenge in this taut, undistinguished West Country clash between two weakened sides.

Hannaford was a busy and positive scrum half for Gloucester. It was his break, from deep in his own half that almost set up an early try.

Morgan was bundled into touch, just short, and Bristol did particularly well to ride some sustained pressure. There was front-line friction, while Hannaford momentarily devalued his own enterprise with a petty offence to concede a kick.

Gloucester held the sway, it seemed, in the line-out for some time; but the forward battle was a traditionally rugged one and Baker, deputising as captain for the injured Polledri, was leading by example.

Long-range kicking by Sorrell and Watson pegged back Gloucester, who might still have levelled a 10th-minute penalty from Sorrell. The home team were penalised for a late tackle and Smith's kick just failed.

Two Sorrell penalties dropped marginally short from difficult positions. The mere three points in the first half reflected the absence of experienced regulars in both sides.

Curiously, Lancashire meet Staffordshire, the Midlands runners-up, while Middlesex play the Army, the Inter Services champions. Cambridgeshire are at home to Dorset in the eighth final.

The last two HA Cup winners should go a long way towards clinching League titles if they avoid defeat today. Neston visit Bowdon, North's main hope in the HA Cup, in the North West League, while East Grinstead travel to Trojans, their nearest Truman South rivals.

## ICE SKATING

Sandra Stevenson  
in Gothenburg

## Soviets kept in suspense

THE SOVIET ice dance team for next week's 75th European Championships turned out yesterday in the Scandinavium stadium to watch Karen Barber and Nicky Slater from Manchester — but the British duo did not appear for practice.

The Soviet's presence was a tribute to Barber and Slater, who have the competition worried that they are poised to repeat Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean's 1981 upset by overtaking the two Soviet couples ranked above them.

Barber, 23, and Slater, 26, are pursuing the policy which suited Torvill and Dean by coming relatively late to championships. The rest of the British team flew in on Thursday but Slater and Barber will not arrive in Gothenburg until today. They are taking advantage of the extra practice time available without the burden of official scrutiny, at the West German training centre in Oberstdorf.

The dance championship is the last of the four events to begin. It is important that Barber and Slater do well in the compulsory, the lifting Viennese waltz, jangly polka and flowing blues which are on Wednesday. The Original Set Pattern Quickstep is on Thursday and the Free on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday, Slater and Barber will present their highly-acclaimed original number, in style of their rivals using Mike Batt's music, recorded by the London Philharmonic.

To win, Barber and Slater must overtake the two more highly-ranked couples from Moscow — Natalia Bestemianova, 25, and Andrei Bukin, 27, and the recently-married Marina Khomova, 18, and Sergei Ponomarev, 24.

However, they have recently twice beaten Bestemianova and Bukin within the Soviet Union, in spite of their rivals using heavy music from Carmen, ideally suited to the beautiful red-haired Bestemianova. The third Soviet couple, Natalia Annenko and Genetia Sretensky, who won silver medals in the St. Ivel International in Richmond in September, were also looking good in practice yesterday particularly in the blues compulsory.

The British team of two dance couples — Slater and Barber, and Sharon Jones and Paul Ashkan — plus one man, Stephen Pickavance and one woman, Susan Jackson, is the smallest in this event since 1950, which was four years before the dance championship was instigated. The championships open with the women's and pairs opening rounds on Monday, with the men's event starting on Tuesday.

## Clive Everton

## Mountjoy puffs along

### SNOOKER

Doug Mountjoy, 15th in the world rankings, battled for four hours 35 minutes to win 5-4 against Tony Meo, ranked 64th, in the first round of a semi-final of the Benson & Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday.

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Meo, whose belief in himself tends to be more fragile than his ability warrants, was undoubtedly shaken by his 9-7 defeat by Steve Davis in the Coral UK Open in November

## TABLE TENNIS

Douglas is bowled over

An unexpected late change in the draw threw Desmond Douglas's attempt on the European top-12 title out of gear right at the start in Barcelona yesterday.

Douglas was beaten 21-7, 21-19, 21-16 by Mikael Appelgren. The Swede has recovered from a shoulder injury suffered while tennis bowling and is now making such steady progress that he has regained much of the form that once made him the title holder and European champion and World Cup winner into the bargain.

That was precisely the kind of difficult start that the Birmingham left-hander had hoped and indeed expected to avoid. The original timetable had him lined up against two veterans, Jacques Secrétain of France and Dragutin Suburk of Yugoslavia on the first day until the sudden withdrawal of the former European No. 1 from Hungary, Tibor Klampar, caused a re-draw.

Richard Jago

## HOCKEY

## Finalists' long road

Lancashire and Middlesex, who met in the final of the 1983 County Championship, will have to slog through from the first round, round this season. Lancashire because they were only runners-up in their division, Middlesex because they decided to play Sussex in the South final on the date advised.

Curiously, Lancashire meet Staffordshire, the Midlands runners-up, while Middlesex play the Army, the Inter Services champions. Cambridgeshire are at home to Dorset in the eighth final.

The last two HA Cup winners should go a long way towards clinching League titles if they avoid defeat today. Neston visit Bowdon, North's main hope in the HA Cup, in the North West League, while East Grinstead travel to Trojans, their nearest Truman South rivals.

Pat Rowley

## SKIING

Not since Annemore Moser-Proell has a woman so dominated ski racing in a single streak as Michaela Figini, the 15-year-old Swiss who won six competitive races in the 1984 season, including the World Cup slalom as well as downhill.

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## SPORT IN BRIEF

### SAILING

Boomerang gave due notice of her intention to take in the top boat in the first race of the Southern Ocean Racing Conference at St Petersburg, Florida, writes Bob Fisher. She was five minutes up at the halfway mark, increased her lead in light airs on the run home to eight minutes.

SWRC (St Petersburg, Fla.)—Professional Results (US units stated): Class A (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 174th, 175th, 176th, 177th, 178th, 179th, 180th, 181st, 182nd, 183rd, 184th, 185th, 186th, 187th, 188th, 189th, 190th, 191st, 192nd, 193rd, 194th, 195th, 196th, 197th, 198th, 199th, 200th, 201st, 202nd, 203rd, 204th, 205th, 206th, 207th, 208th, 209th, 210th, 211st, 212th, 213th, 214th, 215th, 216th, 217th, 218th, 219th, 220th, 221st, 222nd, 223rd, 224th, 225th, 226th, 227th, 228th, 229th, 230th, 231st, 232nd, 233rd, 234th, 235th, 236th, 237th, 238th, 239th, 240th, 241st, 242nd, 243rd, 244th, 245th, 246th, 247th, 248th, 249th, 250th, 251st, 252nd, 253rd, 254th, 255th, 256th, 257th, 258th, 259th, 260th, 261st, 262nd, 263rd, 264th, 265th, 266th, 267th, 268th, 269th, 270th, 271st, 272nd, 273rd, 274th, 275th, 276th, 277th, 278th, 279th, 280th, 281st, 282nd, 283rd, 284th, 285th, 286th, 287th, 288th, 289th, 290th, 291st, 292nd, 293rd, 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th, 298th, 299th, 300th, 301st, 302nd, 303rd, 304th, 305th, 306th, 307th, 308th, 309th, 310th, 311st, 312th, 313th, 314th, 315th, 316th, 317th, 318th, 319th, 320th, 321st, 322nd, 323rd, 324th, 325th, 326th, 327th, 328th, 329th, 330th, 331st, 332nd, 333rd, 334th, 335th, 336th, 337th, 338th, 339th, 340th, 341st, 342nd, 343rd, 344th, 345th, 346th, 347th, 348th, 349th, 350th, 351st, 352nd, 353rd, 354th, 355th, 356th, 357th, 358th, 359th, 360th, 361st, 362nd, 363rd, 364th, 365th, 366th, 367th, 368th, 369th, 370th, 371st, 372nd, 373rd, 374th, 375th, 376th, 377th, 378th, 379th, 380th, 381st, 382nd, 383rd, 384th, 385th, 386th, 387th, 388th, 389th, 390th, 391st, 392nd, 393rd, 394th, 395th, 396th, 397th, 398th, 399th, 400th, 401st, 402nd, 403rd, 404th, 405th, 406th, 407th, 408th, 409th, 410th, 411st, 412th, 413th, 414th, 415th, 416th, 417th, 418th, 419th, 420th, 421st, 422nd, 423rd, 424th, 425th, 426th, 427th, 428th, 429th, 430th, 431st, 432nd, 433rd, 434th, 435th, 436th, 437th, 438th, 439th, 440th, 441st, 442nd, 443rd, 444th, 445th, 446th, 447th, 448th, 449th, 450th, 451st, 452nd, 453rd, 454th, 455th, 456th, 457th, 458th, 459th, 460th, 461st, 462nd, 463rd, 464th, 465th, 466th, 467th, 468th, 469th, 470th, 471st, 472nd, 473rd, 474th, 475th, 476th, 477th, 478th, 479th, 480th, 481st, 482nd, 483rd, 484th, 485th, 486th, 487th, 488th, 489th, 490th, 491st, 492nd, 493rd, 494th, 495th, 496th, 497th, 498th, 499th, 500th, 501st, 502nd, 503rd, 504th, 505th, 506th, 507th, 508th, 509th, 510th, 511st, 512th, 513th, 514th, 515th, 516th, 517th, 518th, 519th, 520th, 521st, 522nd, 523rd, 524th, 525th, 526th, 527th, 528th, 529th, 530th, 531st, 532nd, 533rd, 534th, 535th, 536th, 537th, 538th, 539th, 540th, 541st, 542nd, 543rd, 544th, 545th, 546th, 547th, 548th, 549th, 550th, 551st, 552nd, 553rd, 554th, 555th, 556th, 557th, 558th, 559th, 560th, 561st, 562nd, 563rd, 564th, 565th, 566th, 567th, 568th, 569th, 570th, 571st, 572nd, 573rd, 574th, 575th, 576th, 577th, 578th, 579th, 580th, 581st, 582nd, 583rd, 584th, 585th, 586th, 587th, 588th, 589th, 590th, 591st, 592nd, 593rd, 594th, 595th, 596th, 597th, 598th, 599th, 600th, 601st, 602nd, 603rd, 604th, 605th, 606th, 607th, 608th, 609th, 610th, 611st, 612th, 613th, 614th, 615th, 616th, 617th, 618th, 619th, 620th, 621st, 622nd, 623rd, 624th, 625th, 626th, 627th, 628th, 629th, 630th, 631st, 632nd, 633rd, 634th, 635th, 636th, 637th, 638th, 639th, 640th, 641st, 642nd, 643rd, 644th, 645th, 646th, 647th, 648th, 649th, 650th, 651st, 652nd, 653rd, 654th, 655th, 656th, 657th, 658th, 659th, 660th, 661st, 662nd, 663rd, 664th, 665th, 666th, 667th, 668th, 669th, 670th, 671st, 672nd, 673rd, 674th, 675th, 676th, 677th, 678th, 679th, 680th, 681st, 682nd, 683rd, 684th, 685th, 686th, 687th, 688th, 689th, 690th, 691st, 692nd, 693rd, 694th, 695th, 696th, 697th, 698th, 699th, 700th, 701st, 702nd,



## WEEKEND RACING

## The Lad gets record on a walk-over

Chris Hawkins

One way or another Burrough Hill Lad cannot stop making headlines. After yesterday's announcement from owner Stan Riley that Burrough Hill Lad is for sale, comes the disappointing news that the horse has secured all the opposition in today's feature event at Sandown, the Gainsborough Chase, resulting in a walk-over.

Thus Riley pockets around £15,000 without even having to lift his binoculars, suggesting that if it is money he wants he should instruct Jenny Pitman to enter the horse every other day. Already Burrough Hill Lad has earned £178,966, which makes him the highest money winner under National Hunt Rules, a record previously held by Silver Buck.

Riley, a retired restaurateur, has turned down an offer of £500,000 but says he will sell if the price is right in order to finance his breeding business. Last night he was so "overly confident" he decided to sell it to be hoped that Burrough Hill Lad will stay in Jenny Pitman's hands for he would be a tragedy for her if she lost him after making him the brilliant horse he is.

Owner and trainer are not quite seeing eye to eye at the moment over Burrough Hill Lad's participation in the Grand National. Riley believes that with 12th Rib Burrough Hill Lad is very well handicapped and serious thought should be given to running while Mrs Pitman takes the view that it is asking too much to go for the Gold Cup and the National.

Mrs Pitman would dearly love to win another National with Corbiere and one gets some idea of where her loyalties lie when she describes Burrough Hill Lad as the "champion" but Corbiere as the "hero".

Today's walk-over at Sandown is, of course, a farce, and a condemnation of the declaration system which allows it to happen. Surely, in such a value race, it is not beyond the rule-maker's to allow Weatherby's to contact trainers concerned in such a situation and give

them a chance to reconsider their decision to withdraw.

In this particular case, however, it would have resulted in only one trainer changing his mind—Josh Gifford, who would have run Greenwood Lad.

The Gainsborough was to be the highlight of ITV's coverage of the meeting but the Orley Hurdle has been promoted to take its place and at least this will be an interesting contest with Desert Orchid and the Schwepps fancy Flarey Sark in the field.

Desert Orchid (2.50) probably did as well as could be expected when a 15 lengths runner-up to Brown's Gazette at Kempton on Boxing Day but he was disappointing when dropping out tamer to finish 13th in the Sweeps Hurdle at Leopardstown last time.

He is well suited by the terms of today's race in which he has to give only 5 lb to give Flarey Sark. The really 15th Novice Chase will give us some idea of whether we have a young two mile chaser capable of stopping the Irish winning the Arkle at Cheltenham next month.

Townley Stone (2.50) looks our best prospect and while he is unlikely to be fully tuned up after nearly three months off the course, it will be disappointing if he cannot best northern challenger Karenomora and Freight Forwarder, who has a 3lb pull for the 11th lengths he was beaten by the selection at Ascot.

John Jenkins does not believe in giving his horses an easy time and Beat The Retreat has his 14th race of the season in the Rileys Novice Hurdle. He may have been a shade unlucky to go down by neck to Mariner's Dream at Wincanton last Friday when racing on the slower ground, but Nohalmudun (3.50) may represent better value here.

There will be a good race for the Rileys Handicap Chase at Wetherby in which Mick Easterby—four winners since last Saturday—saddles Mr Snuggit (2.0) an impressive fast time winner from Last Day at Leicester on Monday.

Don't Annoy Me (1.30) is a decent northern novice who should not be far away in the opener at Wetherby.

able to clear three rounds of trumps and the adverse clubs break badly. Dealer South; game all; l.m.p. scoring.

**NORTH**  
A73  
K9864  
K7  
J7853  
K10975

**EAST**  
K9542  
K1093  
K10975

**SOUTH**  
Q7532  
K7  
K9832

Since declarer can afford to lose a few trumps, he should concentrate on making sure that he can ruff his three losing clubs in dummy. If the cards are as badly placed as they actually are, this involves playing on cross-ruff lines right from the start.

Awards for South's play at trick 2: Ace of clubs 10; a diamond or a spade 9; any heart 3.

**TRICK THREE**  
This problem was taken from a hand played at rubber bridge by the great US player, Harold Ogust.

Dealer South; game all.

**NORTH**  
A97532  
K75  
K105  
K9832

**EAST**  
A97532  
K75  
K105  
K9832

**SOUTH**  
A97532  
K75  
K105  
K9832

West led a small club against Ogust's contract of 3NT, and declarer captured East's jack with the queen and cashed the heart. He then made the key play of overtaking his queen of spades with dummy's ace at trick 3.

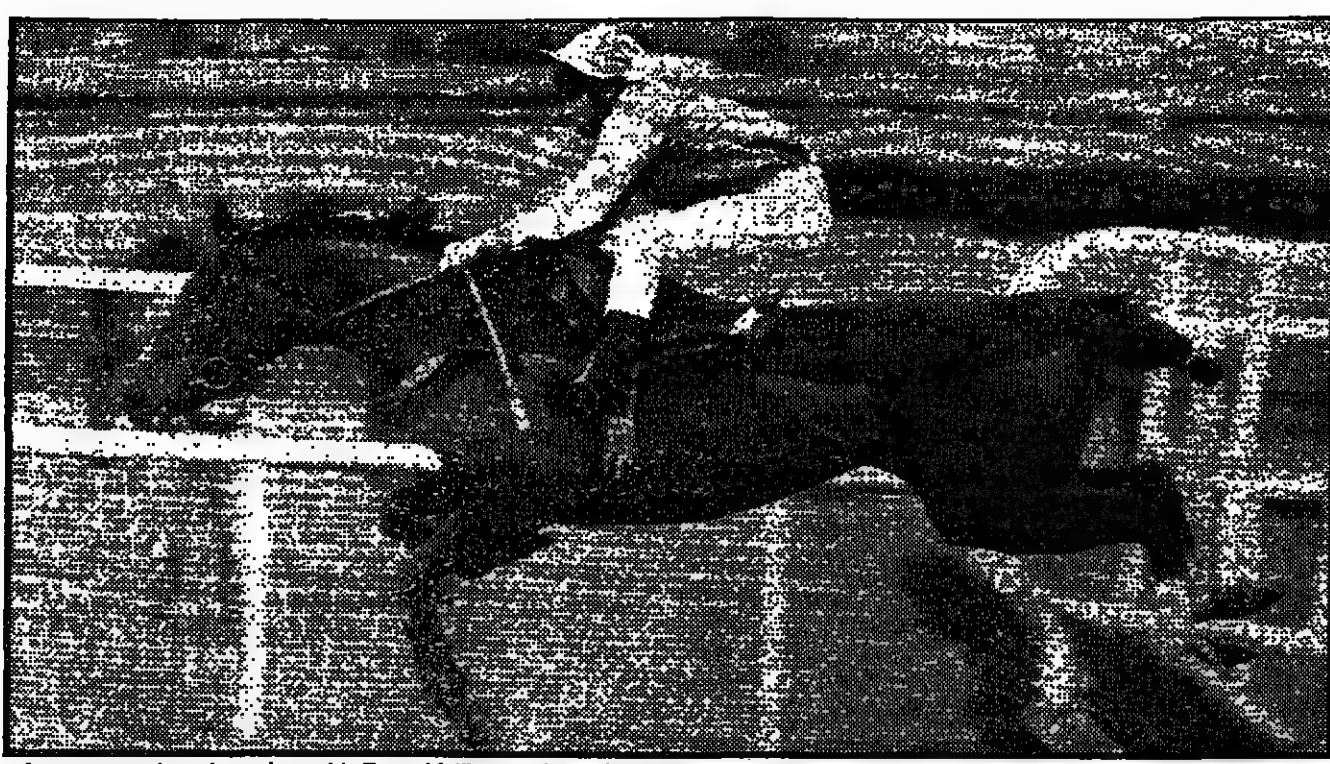
If the adverse spades had been 3-2, this play would have cost a trick but not the contract, for declarer could concede a spade trick and still make at least nine when the spades were 4-1. However, South was able to abandon the suit and turn to attention to diamonds, ruffing the ten to West's king and subsequently using the ace of clubs as an entry for a second diamond finesse. This line of play produced nine tricks when the queen of diamonds appeared in three rounds.

Awards for West's opening lead: Two or three of spades 10; ace of clubs 8; king of diamonds 5; any heart 2.

**TRICK TWO**  
This problem related to declarer's correct play in 4th after winning the opening spade lead with dummy's ace. It may seem natural to play round hearts at trick 2 but, as you will see from the full deal set out below, this might prove fatal if West is

Further analysis next Saturday

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Ararun, seen here in action with Tony Mullins in the saddle, is expected to take his winning sequence to six when tackling the Greenfield Novice Hurdle at Leopardstown this afternoon. He is the son of that prolific sire Dawn Run.

## RUNNERS AND RIDERS AT SANDOWN

JACQUET AND PLACETTES: ALL 5 RACES  
TOTAL DOUBLE: 2.50 AND 2.50; TREBLE: 2.15, 2.20 AND 4.30  
DENOTES BLINDING; GAINING: SIFT

1 45-SPRING HANDICAP HURDLE: 2m; £2,000 (8 runners).

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1 15-SCULLY HURDLE: 2m; £1,500 (10 runners).

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"These guys (the boat operators) are keeping the economy working to a certain extent," says a native Gibraltarian. The local econ-

is good for the economy," says one jaded resident. "The frontier is not good for the economy."

"Por la cara" is a term well-used in Gibraltar, where

Yet Raphael has his limits, too. "Heroin, LSD — that's

The Rock is the symbolic hub of trade in the Western world. Virtually everything produced or demanded by central or eastern Europe

"The only way to stop them would be with a united front by all the countries in the region," says Mr Morello, referring to Spain, Portugal, Morocco and Great Britain. "The British are not very cynical about Morocco's attitude to drug trafficking. "What do you expect from a government that exports hashish to every country in Europe and who taxes every Moroccan £30 to come to Gibraltar," he says. "Joshua Hassan, Prime Minister of Gibraltar's civic and political godfather. His curt assessment is echoed by Mr Smart. "They need the foreign capital," he says, "that's why they're not keen on stopping the smuggling."



# The leaden weight of political lobbying could keep Stansted plan on the ground



## SATURDAY NOTEBOOK

MINISTERIAL options on the future of Stansted airport in Essex have been narrowed down considerably following this week's stormy debate in the House of Commons.

Government Ministers, Nicholas Ridley and Ian Gow are not due to decide the future of Stansted until June or July. But this week's debate, which threw up fierce

opposition from Tory MPs, has effectively made that decision process even more difficult.

Essentially, the debate on Wednesday has centred on the development of Stansted airport on the lines suggested by planning inspector, Graham Eyre. Mr Eyre has urged the immediate expansion of Stansted's passenger capacity to 15 million by 1990 from a current rate of around 500,000 people a year, plus the addition of a further 15 million of capacity at Heathrow through the building of a fifth terminal.

Ridley and Gow must therefore weigh the political influences, which are opposed to Stansted expansion, against the influences of the commercial aviation industry which is solidly behind development of Stansted.

Equally Ministers have to weigh up the practical and commercial considerations of putting airports in the parts of the country to where

people wish to fly in and out.

As Ridley and Gow reach the final stage of their deliberations it is likely that they will be confronted with no more than four realistic options in tackling the urgent problem of providing new airport capacity.

No. 1 — adoption of the Eyre proposals, meaning the immediate expansion of Stansted to 15 million passengers a year by 1990 and the addition of a fifth terminal at Heathrow by 1995/96.

No. 2 — a fudge, sanctioning the modest expansion of Stansted to between 5 and 7 million passengers a year, speeding up the addition of a fifth terminal at Heathrow and diverting more airlines to regional airports like Manchester and Birmingham.

No. 3 — a different fudge, rejecting all expansion at Stansted, approving the Heathrow development and taking up the biggest part of the slack in the regions.

No. 4 — do nothing.

Option one, which is essentially what the aviation in-

dustry wants seems a dead duck unless Ridley and Gow are prepared to ignore the political lobby and swing the Eyre proposals on the Cabinet.

There is, of course, no procedural reason why Ridley and Gow should necessarily take into consideration the views of Parliament when making up their minds on what to do.

But it is simply a planning application. Everyone, including local MPs, had ample time to make their representations to the Eyre inquiry which sprang over 258 days of public hearings. Indeed there was no reason why the Government had to provide Parliamentary time on Wednesday to discuss Stansted.

Option two, alienate almost everyone, would not necessarily solve the problem and could prove pretty expensive.

Boosting Stansted's capacity from around 500,000 people at present to between 5 and 7 million by 1990 would be just as costly in terms of infrastructure ex-

pense on road and rail links, though possibly acceptable to the Essex communities around the airport.

However the Government also faces some strong political lobbying against more expansion at Heathrow on the basis that those to the West of London have suffered enough from airports.

Nor does the much talked of expansion of the regional airports look a serious option. This is largely because the demand for airport capacity is overwhelming and the more prosperous south east and compelling airline passengers to use Manchester or Birmingham would undoubtedly drive airlines away from using Britain.

The regional lobby's case is well founded on the general principle that the fat cats in the south east would be getting a disproportionate injection of capital investment at a time when unemployment in the Midlands and north is far higher. But the case founders on the spe-

cific issue of airports — partly because the regions already have too much airport capacity and partly because the airlines have shown no great drive to switch their services northwards.

In any event, regional airports are expected to double their passenger throughput by the end of the century.

It is clear, too, that Ministers now appear to have accepted the point that the airlines must operate their services — with some obvious exceptions like "life-line" routes — where the passengers are.

The Government now appears to be facing criticism that it is being unfair in distributing the problem of airport expansion entirely around Heathrow and excusing the residents of Stansted. Heathrow opponents would justifiably argue that their region has little room for manoeuvre. Five years in 1985, passenger demand is reckoned at up to 75 million against airport capacity of between 66 and 72 million.

Option four, which would involve the Government doing nothing, is unthinkable.

The fundamental problem is how to provide sufficient airport capacity to meet the expected sharp rise in passenger demand towards the turn of the century.

At present, around 64 million people use Britain's airport network and the Department of Transport officials believe that the figure will rise to a minimum of 105 million by the year 2000. Graham Eyre, in his report put the figure at 132 million.

However the central problem is the south east, where demand is generally expected to reach around 61 million by 1990 against a projected airport capacity of 63 million, which would leave very little room for manoeuvre.

Option four is therefore unthinkable, unless all the

projections are wrong or the Government wishes to restrict the development of the aviation industry.

Ridley and Gow are obviously in a position where they will clearly offend at least one, if not all, the three main lobbying groups — the environmentalists, the politicians and the industrialists.

Which will they choose? On commercial grounds the arguments clearly favour the Eyre proposals — option one — of expanding Stansted immediately and adding more to Heathrow at a later date.

On political grounds the second option — partial expansion of Stansted and switching more emphasis to the northern airports — looks the most appealing. Will Ridley and Gow, indeed, the full Cabinet — put commercial considerations beneath the political influences? I doubt it.

Michael Smith

## Principal bankers ready to extend loans

# Dunlop rejigs rescue deal to block BTR

By James Erlichman, Chemicals Correspondent

Dunlop, caught in a veto grip by predator BTR, said last night that it intended to adjourn the crucial vote on its financial reconstruction that had been scheduled for February 8.

The avenue of escape opened for Dunlop when the group's principal bankers indicated that they were prepared once again to extend the loan facilities which have kept the struggling rubber and tyres group from collapse.

BTR, the industrial combine run by Sir Owen Green, grabbed 27.9 per cent of Dunlop's preference shares so that it could use this veto power to block approval of the entire rescue package put together by Dunlop's bankers and its chairman, Sir Michael Edwards.

The following day BTR slipped in a £35 million "take-it-or-leave-it" bid for Dunlop and refused to say whether it would waive its veto power to allow Dunlop shareholders to

choose the rescue package instead.

Explaining why the reconstruction vote had been adjourned, Sir Michael said: "We are simply not prepared to allow BTR to use this shabby device to disenfranchise our 40,000 ordinary shareholders."

Dunlop may have bought itself some time but it was far from clear last night that it has escaped the noose thrown round it by BTR. Only Dunlop's principal banks, including Barclays and National Westminster, have shown willingness to extend the £435 million debt deadline. More than 50 banks control Dunlop's fate and they must be kept in harness.

Sir Michael said last night that the terms of a new rescue package were being redrawn in a legal attempt to remove the veto power of BTR's preference shareholders. Sir Michael and his lieutenants have already agreed to suspend rights to personal share

option schemes which could have brought them personal fortunes, but which have already drawn fierce criticism from shareholders. Last night Sir Michael appeared to offer new and better terms to shareholders if they stay loyal and reject BTR's offer.

But Morgan Grenfell, the able terms in the first place. BTR last night scorned Sir Michael's last minute attempts to renege the rescue deal. "We do not see how any changes which can possibly be agreed by all the banks in a reasonable time frame can affect the fundamentals of the position at all. And if Sir Michael is now saying he will offer improved terms to shareholders, why did he not offer the best possible terms in the first place?"

The delay could also backfire because it may now give BTR a clear run to make a takeover bid before the new rescue package can be withdrawn. But BTR's shares fell 15p to 63p while Dunlop's shares closed only 1p lower at 53p.

## Merger blow to Liverpool port

By James Erlichman

The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company has been running a service into Liverpool for 154 years, but it now wants to dock at Heysham.

The deal will also require approval from the Takeover Panel since Sea Containers will get 40 per cent of the enlarged equity of the Isle of Man company in return for the assets it is putting into the business. Normally, anyone acquiring more than 30 per cent of a company is obliged to make a full takeover bid, but the rule can be waived if other shareholders vote their approval.

Since acquiring Sealink for £60 million in a privatisation sale off from British Rail last year, Sea Containers has

changed the name of the company to Sealink UK/British Ferries and set about pruning its unprofitable routes. Both merger partners claimed last night that their rival services had been made unprofitable by an endemic decline in traffic to the Isle of Man. They argue that diverting their operations and switching to Heysham is the only way to save the route from extinction. The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, which will dispose of two of its own ships to raise money, has made losses in the last two years out of three and another loss is expected.

Its shares, which had been buoyed by speculation of a full takeover, slumped 17p to 126p yesterday.

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Flowing in

National Westminster Bank's new high interest deposit account has attracted £70 million in just ten days and the bank is opening accounts at the rate of 800 a day. The minimum deposit of £2,000 earns interest of 13.75 per cent gross.



Asil Nadir

## Nadir's plan for growth

By Tony May

FOLLY Peck shareholders are to be asked to provide £41.7 million to fund the next burst of growth from the impressive but unlikely-sounding empire founded on oranges, lemons, cardboard boxes, TVs and videos, which is surrounded by mineral water.

Profits in Mr Asil Nadir's group have soared from £2 million to £50.6 million in the past four years and most of the £110 million it has spent in that time has been funded by the group itself.

The new cash will fund expansion of fruit packaging plant and TV factories in Turkey and northern Cyprus.

Because the rights issue implies faster growth than the City was expecting, this year's profits are being revised upwards.

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## Tax cut doubt unnerves the markets

By Peter Rodgers, City Editor

London stock markets yesterday weakened because of the Chancellor's warning the night before that there may be no tax cuts in the Budget.

In addition, gilt and money markets began to suspect that next week's money supply figures could include some exceedingly bad news about bank lending or public borrowing, which would explain the Chancellor's gloom on Thursday and the move to block any downward move in clearing bank base rates in the last 48 hours. The Bank of England strongly resisted downward pressure on rates, in spite of the obvious desire of the banks and the discount market to move lower.

Interest rates in the City's money markets firmed slightly but still signalled a 1 per cent cut in base lending rates to 13 per cent.

The pound fell back during the day, 0.73 cents down against the dollar to \$1.2540. It was later trading in New York at \$1.1900 as the dollar surged against all the major currencies, against intervention by the German Bundesbank. The mark was almost at DM 3.20 to the dollar.

In London, sterling's average on the Bank of England's trade-weighted index rose 0.1 to 71.7 per cent of its 1975 value because the pound was less affected by the dollar than other currencies. There were rumours that the Bank of England and the US Federal

Reserve had also been intervening.

The dollar was strong because of a slightly higher than expected money supply figure and talk of higher interest rates.

British base rates, by staying high, affect the rates paid by small borrowers, but the interest rate for all major borrowers remains considerably lower. The weekly Treasury bill tender, a regular indicator of market trends, was at 11.8 per cent, less than 0.3 per cent higher than a week earlier, before the latest 2 per cent rise in base rates.

The government began to resist certificates of tax deposits at interest rates ranging from 11.5 per cent to 12.75 per cent, reflecting what companies are actually paying for money in the commercial markets — more than 1 per cent below the base rate structure.

The absence of base rate cuts and the gloom about the Budget hit shares and gilts. The FT 30 index fell 8.5 to 377.5 and gilts lost over a halfpenny in the pound.

## Guinness in £16m US takeover move

By Geoffrey Gibbs

Brewers Arthur Guinness and Sons are expanding their presence in America by taking over a specialty food products manufacturer and distributor in a £16 million deal announced yesterday.

Guinness, which has made no secret of wanting to beef up its presence in the huge US market place, has reached agreement to acquire Richter Brothers Inc, a \$60 million a year turnover business handling coast to coast distribution of a line of five thousand food and soft drink products from a number of European countries.

The acquisition will more than double the size of Guinness's American operations which currently account

for five per cent of the group's total turnover and profit. In the year to June 1984 Richter made a pre-tax profit of just under £2.5 million on turnover of \$89 million.

Guinness feel the specialty food market has a potential for growth similar to that achieved in the imported drinks market where it is already strongly represented.

"Richter meets all of our criteria for business growth in the part of the world where we wish to expand," commented Mr Ernest Saunders yesterday, who is complementary to our existing operations and enables us to add our international marketing resources to an established US firm."

## Top analysts decamp to rivals

By Peter Rodgers

The City merry-go-round took another turn yesterday when the top team of stores analysts at brokers Capel-Cure Myers decamped to rivals Wood Mackenzie.

The Edinburgh and London brokers had been looking for retailing and stores specialists to fill the gap but it is not saying who approached whom. The five-strong Capel-Cure team broke the news to their colleagues in the morning and quit the offices during the day.

The Capel-Cure team is led by John Richards and comprises three analysts, a salesman and an editorial specialist who produces a quarterly retailing journal.

Wood Mackenzie itself is linking with merchant bank Hill Samuel, while Capel-Cure has joined with Grindlays Bank, now part of the Australia and New Zealand Banking Corporation.

Meanwhile the board of Midland Bank yesterday endorsed proposals to push ahead with moving into the consumer goods industry, through the 60 per cent owned Samuel Montagu merchantbank and the stockbrokers W. Greenwell, Midland said that discussions with Greenwell were to continue and the move was a "positive nature". They revolve around the terms under which Montagu will increase its stake in Greenwell to 50 per cent and provide capital for a new gilts trading operation, with Midland's share of the total cost believed to be under £20 million.

The cost to Midland is 60 per cent of the £5 million or so needed to take the stake in Greenwell to 50 per cent from 29.9 per cent, and the cost of the £25 million capital needed for a gilts trading operation, with the rest paid by Samuel Montagu's other shareholders, Aetna Life.

The stock exchange plans of Exco International, the financial services group, took a new step forward when its stockbroking partner, WICO, Gallo-way & Pearson, agreed a merger with another broker, Walter Walker. Exco International has a 29.9 per cent stake in WICO, Gallo-way & Pearson with an option to acquire the rest when stock exchange rules permit.

Exco said that the existing operations of Walter Walker, which is a small London broker, were to be merged with the office of WICO, Gallo-way & Pearson and conduct all the private client business of the enlarged company.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

# Rough passage

THE main-stream luxury cruise and shipping activities of P&O had a poor year in 1984, according to the documents setting out terms for the agreed merger of the property group Capel-Cure Myers and the shipping group P&O.

P&O raised its pre-tax profits in the 12 months ending December 31 to £65 million, compared with £54 million in 1983. But the recovery by the Overseas Containers Ltd group, which P&O has a 47 per cent stake.

The stake produced most of a rise in P&O's associate company contributions from £9 million to £27.7 million. This was due to buoyant Far Eastern trade, and large strides in cost cutting and revenue translation.

The P&O finance director, Mr Andrew Bobb, said: "SGT has, in contrast to P&O, revalued its property portfolio at £442 million, compared with £387 million in 1983. The revaluation of £55 million to March 24, compared with 16.5 million. The first closing date for the offer is Monday, February 25."

BAT's offer for Hambro Life has been declared unconditional in all respects. Acceptance have given BAT most 96 per cent of the shares.

BERKELEY Technology, a Jersey registered company that specialises in arranging development capital finance for US high tech companies, is going public through an offer for sale of 33.33p shares. The company is selling the business at £84.6 million. SIR Anthony Ambrose, 58, is to be the new chairman of the Gaming Board, succeeding Lord Allen of Abbeydale, who is retiring.

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## Black week for British micros

By Maggie Brown

The series of tremors shaking Britain's micro-computer companies and supporting industries continued yesterday without abate.

Oric, the Ascot-based home computer company claiming to supply more than 50 per cent of the French home-computer market, has placed in receivership with £3 million unsold stock of its £100-200 machines.

And, by mutual agreement, Acorn Computers, suppliers of the BBC micro, called off six-month merger talks with Torch Computers, also of Cambridge, which makes business comput-

ers. A key factor may well have been Acorn's collapsed share-price and currently low stock market standing.

Torch, which is privately owned, says that the parting of ways is due to a divergence of plans about the future.

With a turnover of £5.3 million last year, and a staff of 55, with factory in Wales, it will now apparently go-it-alone.

home computer market share said yesterday that they have no plans to reduce the price of any of their products.

Newcomer Amstrad is also holding its prices. Commodore however, has just announced a reduction of 114 at Corby, leaving 600 staff, to match the dipping market, and is clearly cutting back production, rather than selling at poor margins.

Oric received David Cross said yesterday that the company, which employed about 100 people, but is now down to 37, had been in trouble since September, but that a commitment of operators had, hoped Christmas sales would save the company. But this anticipated

surge especially in France, had not happened.

David Broad, director of the British Micro-Computer Manufacturers Association said yesterday: "This is turning into a bad week for the industry, and not one that augurs well for 1985. But all that, there are companies succeeding for sales, especially in the US with the current low value of sterling."

However, Acorn has recently had to pull out of the US. The week has also seen the receivership of Prism, the foremost distributor of their products.

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## COMPANY BRIEFING

### Dyson back on profit trail

J. & J. Dyson, the Sheffield refractory and motor suppliers, are back on the profit trail after a year of losses. The company, which has been in the news for its losses, is now reporting a profit of £250,000 for the year.

Turnover for the six months to September 30 was £200,000, a fall from £212,000 in the previous period. The company, which has been in the news for its losses, is now reporting a profit of £250,000 for the year.



Securiguard has clinched the acquisition of the forward-owned on Monday. It is paying an initial £17 million in shares to be placed, for Securiguard's 400 employees with it but integration of the business should bring benefits in terms of management and savings on overheads.

The interim dividend remains at the familiar 3p in view of the brighter outlook for 1985-86. Although the full year result could cause some initial disappointment this summer, the rise of 5p to 7p in the share price is likely to be more than justified, therefore, if economic recovery continues.

### Backing for Orchard

Orchard Food, a frozen-foods retailer with 37 shops in Essex and the Home Counties, has been backed to the tune of £13 million by four institutional investors, including Lloyds Bank pension fund and Guinness Mahon. It is hoped that there will be a stock market flotation within two years.

### Sobering figures

Continued high levels of unemployment and the impact of the long-running miners' strike produced another sober year for Britain's brewers in 1984.

Latest figures from the Brewers' Society show beer production declined by 0.4 per cent to a total of 36.73 million bulk barrels during the year. Results were not helped by the worst December figures since 1967. Production was 8.4 per cent lower than in December 1983 at 2.52 million bulk barrels.

### Scicon expands

Scicon International Britain's largest computer services company has acquired a controlling interest in Telcom Corporation (TGC) of Santa Clara, California. Scicon, a BP company, has acquired an 80 per cent interest in the US satellite-based communications company for about \$6 million. In addition, about \$6.5 million is committed to funding in 1985. TGC has developed a range

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The Stock Exchange... "companies will still be expected to keep their own houses in order."

This week a Government White Paper revealed the kind of controls it believes necessary to protect investors and to keep the investment industry alive and well. Margaret Dibben reports

## The eleventh commandment

THE QUESTION of savings and the protection of investors reached a notable stage this week when Mr Norman Tebbit introduced a White Paper on the subject. Under the all-embracing title Financial Services in the United Kingdom, the paper gives details about the controls and regulations that the Government would like to see to protect investors, both small and large, against fraud and mismanagement, and to provide healthy markets to give a wide choice of places in which to invest.

Two new organisations will be set up to take over responsibility for controlling and policing the investment industry and those covered by the new law will need to be properly authorised.

The White Paper, based on Professor Gower's original report, is just one stage and by no means the final word. It ranges over a variety of aspects of the subject, as an indication of how you might be affected, here is a guide.

**The aims:** The Government, in line with its policy of encouraging competition and free markets, defines the objectives of the new framework for investor protection under four headings: efficiency; competitiveness; confidence; and flexibility.

The new legislation is designed to meet these objectives in several ways. First, market forces will be allowed to operate as part of which customers should be given as

much information as possible about the investments and services they are being offered.

The law should be clearly and easily understood and vigorously enforced. On the basis that prevention is better than cure, the new framework is intended to make fraud not only a criminal offence but less likely to occur in the first place.

Then, although there will be two new overseeing bodies to patrol their activities, the companies operating in the investment market will still be expected to maintain a degree of self-regulation and keep their own houses in order.

But, after all this protection and care for the investor, the White Paper emphasises the warning caveat emptor — let the buyer beware. The responsibility is, in the end, with investors themselves. If and when the White Paper becomes law, investors must still take responsibility for using their judgment when deciding where to invest their money.

As the White Paper says, if someone is given all the facts needed to make a choice, and still makes a foolish decision, putting all their savings in a speculative and high risk proposition which collapses, then it will be no use running to the law for compensation. The new law is intended to reduce the likelihood of fraud in the first place and to encourage high standards in the investment business.

Whether it will be a different matter.

Which investments and activities are covered? Exactly what is included in the proposed legislation is clearly defined. Investments are taken to mean: stocks and shares; units in unit trusts; gilts, local authority bonds and nationalised industry stock; options; and second-hand mortgages.

Then, there are pre-packaged investments, which include life insurance policies. These are frequently sold as investments particularly when they are tied in with unit trusts.

And also, rather than the investments themselves, there are the people involved in the business of selling or recommending investments. This could be taken to include anyone from a specialised commodity market trader down to a sub-postmistress selling National Savings. Not all of them will need to be authorised.

Those that will, include businesses that actually transact investment either on their own behalf or as an agent; businesses that manage investments; unit trust managers; those who give advice about investments (with certain exceptions); someone issuing promotional material; and anyone publishing tip-sheets. Products which will be excluded: investments which will not come under the auspices of the new act include property,

such as your own home; and a business sold as a single item. Under the tangible property label, market gardens, stud farms and franchises will be excluded.

Other buying and selling investment activities will not come into the authorisation net: if you are dealing for your own portfolio; working as a financial journalist (as on these Weekend Money pages); a "share shop" set up by a company for its employee shareholders; investment clubs like Christmas clubs; an agent for National Savings.

The fit and proper test: The new legislation is



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designed to make sure that anyone coming within its scope is "fit and proper" to carry out its business. It will be a criminal offence to carry on investment business without authorisation. Companies and individuals will need to provide detailed information to pass the Investment Board which patrols them.

Protection: Any money that savers hand over will be safeguarded. The investment business will be required to keep clients' money separately from its own and they will not be allowed to finance themselves from investors' money.

The White Paper introduces

the "know your customer" principle, meaning that, if anyone is to give advice, they must understand their clients' requirements.

**Compensation:** If any investor loses money from fraud or negligence, then he should be entitled to compensation. Exactly what form this will take is not laid down.

There could be a funded compensation scheme, as building societies already have; or the business could be transferred to other companies; or there could be an insurance scheme.

**Competition:** Even though there are going to be these two new regulatory bodies overseeing investment businesses' activities, the Government nonetheless wants to encourage competition throughout the financial services sector. The new rules will positively encourage this.

**Marketing:** Marketing of the pre-packaged investments — life insurance and unit trusts — will be regulated under the proposed legislation: the fine detail here has still to be worked out but it will include a statutory "cooling off" period on the sale of investments.

**Cold calling:** This method of selling is already widespread with double glazing salesmen and the like. The salesman stops you in the street or telephones your home, often on a Saturday afternoon.

The White Paper says that the most effective protection against "any mischief" resulting from cold calling is down to the individual: using common sense and the will-power to put down the telephone or close the door.

But this safety net will be reinforced with a "cooling off" period as already exists with life insurance policies. The customer is given a certain amount of time in which to change his or her mind. Unit trusts will be permitted to be sold by cold calling as long as there is the cooling off period.

**Enforcement:** The Government does not want to take responsibility for fixing life insurance and unit trust commissions (ROLAC, the Registry of Life Assurance Commissions is already working on this) but it does say that commissions and other financial benefits or incentives should be disclosed to the customer.

The salesman will have to tell, early on in your discussions, and again on the contract, just how much commission he is going to make out of selling you a particular product.

However, there is a chance that salesmen who are opposed to anyone knowing how much they earn will still be able to avoid this by limiting their commission to a voluntarily agreed level.

**Unit trusts:** As part of the Government's enthusiasm for encouraging individuals to invest in the

stock market, unit trusts, a way of investing in shares but spreading the risk, are given special attention.

Unit trusts themselves would be allowed to invest more widely. And they will be allowed to sell a more varied range of products. A new "restricted" category of unit trusts will be more speculative than they have previously been permitted to offer. Salesmen will also be allowed to "cold call" to try and sell unit trusts; at present they are only allowed to respond to your invitation.

**Enforcement:** This section is the nub of the whole plan. All the regulation in the world is useless if it cannot be enforced.

The two new boards, and back up self-regulatory organisations will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the law. There will be both criminal penalties and civil law retribution for defaulters.

**Conclusion:** Protection for the small investor is to be encouraged. But very few people or businesses set out deliberately to defraud savers. The danger is the deliberate confidence man who will still try to find a way round the new legislation. And you cannot legislate against the rapacious: if an investor is greedy enough to fall for an advertisement offering an enormously high rate of interest compared with general market rates, no one can stop them from taking the risk.

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Motor insurance, like most things, is going up. Here Mary Brazier looks at ways to cut the costs but not the cover, and below, Lawrence Lever suggests ways to spread the load.

## If you want to drive a hard bargain

FOR MANY motorists, surviving winter driving conditions may not be enough. Just when you thought the worst was over and it was safe to go back on the roads, motor insurance rates are rising again. Depending on who you are insured with, the cost could be about 10 per cent higher than last year.

The Prudential and Guardian Royal Exchange are among companies which have raised rates. But, even if you do not face an increase, it is worth checking to see whether you can cut costs on your policy without jeopardising your protection.

The choice of policies is widening all the time, and the recent intervention into the market by banks should reinforce that trend. The Trustee Savings Banks are working on a comprehensive scheme to be unveiled in a couple of weeks time, which will be sold through their branches. And last year Bank of Scotland launched its motor package aimed at drivers with a

three-year no accident record in the 25-74 age group.

There are added benefits to the Bank's policy: it offers a free green card for drivers spending up to 30 days abroad, which would normally cost at least £15; and a second car can be added to the policy without having to build up a no-claims discount from scratch.

Maximising and keeping your no-claims discount is perhaps the best way of cutting motor insurance costs. Careful drivers are favoured by all insurance companies through policies linked to your claims experience. So, if your record is clean, it is worth shopping around to get the best deal.

General Accident, for example, offer policies through the Scottish General Drivers Club as an alternative to their Keep Motoring Cover. If you are 25 and over, have a 60 per cent no-claims bonus and a five-year accident-free record, Drivers Club policies offer built-in protection of

your no-claims bonus so that you are allowed two claims in two years without losing your discount. The cost of comprehensive cover outside London is £32.50, against £132 under the Keep Motoring scheme, although you are liable to pay part of the claim yourself and there is no free car hire while your own vehicle is off the road.

The Pru also now offers careful drivers a way of holding on to their no-claims discount even if they are not insured under its Top Drivers Policy. From last November the company has been offering protection as an optional extra to standard policies at a cost of between 6 and 10 per cent of the premium. Drivers must be 25 and over and have built up a maximum no-claims discount.

It is worth checking too to see whether your insurance company allows you to claim for shattered windcreens and damage to windows without losing your no-claims bonus. Some do, but others

deduct points for that kind of damage which could push your premium up next year.

Another way in which you can cut the cost of insurance is to agree to a higher excess. This is the part of the claim which you agree to pay yourself, and the higher the figure you accept, the lower your premium will be. You can reduce your premium by anything from five to 25 per cent depending on how much you are prepared to pay out of your own pocket for damage you sustain.

Restricting cover to only one person can lessen the bill by around 10 per cent, but it means that, even in an emergency, you will be the only person insured to drive the car.

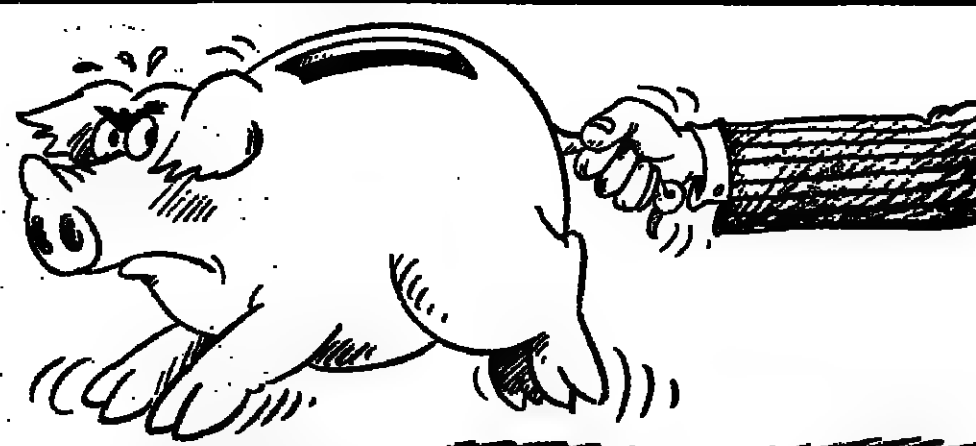
If your car is old, it is probably worth forgoing your comprehensive cover to third party fire and theft, and at the other end of the scale, before you splash out on an expensive foreign car, remember that buying British is cheapest in terms of the cost

of insurance, because companies take into account the cost of spares when calculating your premium and these are more expensive in foreign models.

Check on special case discounts. Women, particularly those under 30, may be eligible for an extra reduction because they are thought to be a better risk. Older drivers too are often accorded special terms, so it is worth asking your insurance company about possible reductions.

Some policies such as the Bank of Scotland package also offer cover against being out of pocket on legal expenses. If you are involved in pursuing a claim for an uninsured loss such as car hire or loss of earnings as a result of a car accident, this may be useful. Purchased separately this can cost around £10.

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CHRISTMAS presents and the January sales have exhausted all your ready cash and then the inevitable happens: the renewal notices for both your car and household insurance arrive heralding the need for a further financial outlay.

One way of alleviating the burden on your strained finances is to pay your insurance premiums in instalments, a facility now on offer from most insurance companies.

But insurance companies are very quirky about instalment payments; some allow you to pay five equal monthly sums others (such as Commercial Union) insist on an initial deposit plus instalments, while the more obliging ones allow you to spread payments evenly over the entire year.

Payment usually has to be by direct debit and the facility as a whole is generally only available where the annual premium is over £20. Exceptions are Sun Alliance—no minimum—and Prudential—£30. Nothing in this world comes free, and the insurance companies levy a service charge for the instalment facility.

This is expressed either as a percentage of the premium, for example Sun Alliance's 6 per cent APE; or else as a handling fee, such as Com-

mercial Union's £1 per one hundred pounds' worth of premium or part thereof.

The table shows the repayment timetables and effective rates of interest on instalment schemes run by most of the major insurance companies. All of them operate the scheme on both household and motor policies.

On the whole, payment by instalments represents a cheap method of spreading the cost: bear in mind that all the companies in the table, with the exception of Norwich Union, will allow you, as an alternative to the instalment route, to pay by Access or Barclaycard, the rate of interest on which is 23.1 per cent APE on true rate.

Clearly, if you opted for credit card payment and settled the bill over the year, this would work out more expensive. If, however, your insurance renewal merely arrives at a bad time, you could use your credit card, simply to give you a little breathing space until your cash flow improves.

As the credit charge interest rate is levied monthly (1.75 per cent) you should, in most cases, still be paying less than under the instalment option. If, say, you settled the credit card bill after incurring only a month's interest.

You would not, however, beat the General Accident instalment offer, in hard cash

terms this is the cheapest of the lot with a service charge of £1. This will apply to combined General Accident premiums with the same renewal dates so that you could pay only £1 extra for both your household and motor policy instalments.

The effect of the flat fee also means that General Accident's APR will become smaller, the higher your premium are. For a £50 premium the APR works out at 12.6 per cent whilst for a £250 one it is as low as 2.4 per cent.

The Royal Instalment scheme is one of the more expensive ones. The service charge is a flat 6 per cent (13.7 per cent APR) and on a

### INSURANCE BY INSTALMENTS

Name	Repayments	APR
Norwich Union (Scheme A)	Five equal monthly	6.2%
Norwich Union (Scheme C)	Five equal bi-monthly	12.5%
Sun Alliance	12 equal monthly	13.7%
Eagle Star	12 equal monthly	13.7% average
Commercial Union (Annual)	First payment 2 month deposits then 10 equal monthly	13.7-13.9%
Commercial Union General Accident	Five equal monthly	6.2-12.5%
Legal & General	Five equal monthly	12.6% variable (£50 premium)
Royal Prudential	Five equal monthly	2.4% (£250 premium)
	12 equal monthly	Variable (£75 premium-17.1%)
	12 equal monthly	15.7%
	12 equal monthly	13.0%

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### THE RIGHT AREA

Important developments are taking place on the Stock Markets of Continental Europe.

In many countries there has been a fundamental reassessment of the role and value of share investment as a means of financing industrial development. As a result, many new companies have been encouraged to seek quotations, and there has been a dramatic increase in international interest in European markets. Already Europe accounts for about 9.5% of the total value of world stock markets—and it is expected that this proportion will increase rapidly over the years ahead.

### THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITIES

A fundamental consequence of these changes is that the shares of many more small companies are now quoted on Europe's stock markets. And in several countries local equivalents of our Unlisted Securities Market have been developed specifically to help smaller companies come to the market.

Such companies often operate in technologically advanced industries and because of their size tend to be relatively free from external interference and to be able to continue to work on high profit margins. Elsewhere in the world, smaller companies have shown much greater than average growth—a fact clearly instanced by the long term

performance of Henderson American Smaller Companies Trust which has achieved 304%\* growth over the 6 years since its launch in 1978.

At Henderson we believe the time is right to invest in the smaller companies of Europe and we are now launching a new unit trust to enable you to do just that.

### THE RIGHT MANAGERS

The objective of Henderson European Smaller Companies Trust is to achieve above average growth through investment in the shares of companies quoted on the stock markets of Europe (excl. the U.K.) and which have capitalisation of less than £50 million. The estimated gross annual yield will be 1.0%.

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The managers plan to spread the new trust's portfolio broadly and to manage it actively. Initially, the portfolio is expected to be distributed: France 30%, Norway 25%, Germany 10%, Holland 10%, Sweden 5%, Switzerland 5%, Belgium 5%, others (including Spain, Denmark, Austria, Italy and Finland) 10%.

### THE RIGHT IDEA

If you share our view that Henderson European Smaller Companies Trust is an idea whose time has come you can invest at the fixed launch offer price of 50p per unit, simply by returning the application form below, together with your cheque either directly to the managers or through your professional adviser by Friday, 15th February 1985.

You should remember however that the price of units in a unit trust and the income from them can go down as well as up and that you should regard your investment as long term.

\*offer to offer basis net income reinvested to 2/1/85

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

An initial charge of 5% on the assets (equivalent to 5% of the issue price) is made by the managers when units are issued. Out of the initial charge, managers pay remuneration to qualified intermediaries, rates available on request. The Trust Deed provides for an annual charge of 1% (plus VAT) on the value of the Trust to be deducted from the gross income to cover administration costs.

Distributions of income will be paid on 10th December each year, net of basic rate tax. Contract notes will be issued and unit certificates will be provided within eight weeks of payment. To sell units endorse your certificates and send it to the managers. Payment will normally be made within seven working days.

Unit Trusts are not subject to capital gains tax, moreover a unit holder will not pay this tax on a disposal of units unless the total realised gains from all sources in his tax year amount to more than £5,600. Prices and Yields can be found daily in the Financial Times.

Trustee: Midland Bank Trust Co. Limited, 119 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1AQ.

Managers: Henderson Unit Trust Management Limited, 25 Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA.

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## Henderson European Smaller Companies Trust

To: Henderson Unit Trust Management Limited, Dealing Department, 5 Tavistock Road, Hinton, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1AA. Telephone: 01-638 5757.

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Surname (Mr/Mrs/Miss) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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This offer will close 15th February 1985. After the close of this offer, units will be available at the daily quoted price. If there are joint applicants each must sign and attach names and addresses separately.

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**HIGH INTEREST** After your initial cheque has been cleared, the account starts earning daily interest at a higher rate

than is usually available on a bank deposit account.

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To: M&G Financial Services Limited (agents for Kleinwort, Benson Limited) 91/99 New London Road, Chelmsford CM2 0PY. Telephone 0245 516551.

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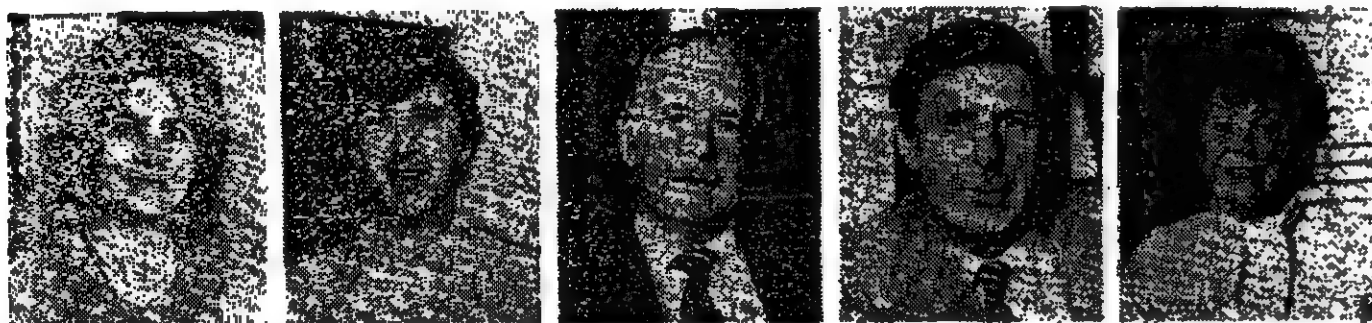
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The Stewardship Unit Trust has been set up to provide an investment for all persons or groups, corporate or unincorporate, charitable or otherwise, who through social, religious, political or other reasons, do not regard financial gain as the sole criterion for investment, but look to wider issues.

### Investment Policy

The Trust concentrates its investments in the ordinary shares of carefully selected United Kingdom companies whose products, services and operations are of long-term benefit to the community both here and overseas. Investment in companies involved with the armaments, gambling, alcohol and tobacco industries are avoided as far as practicable as generally are companies with interests in South Africa.

Investigations and analysis go beyond the products or services provided and cover such issues as employment practices, attitudes towards local communities, natural resources, pollution control and the political and social environment of countries in which companies trade or have substantial interest.

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Subject to these broader considerations, the objectives of the Trust are to achieve long-term capital appreciation and increasing income. In the months following its launch in 1984 The Stewardship Unit Trust out-performed the Financial Times Ordinary Share Index, supporting the reports from the United States appearing in the press here suggesting that ecologically sound enterprises can often out-perform their 'profit-only' orientated counterparts.

### Committee of Reference

Although the Unit Trust Managers accept full responsibility for the final selection of investments, they receive guidance from a Committee of Reference as to the suitability of companies for investment. The members of the Committee, who all take an active interest in questions of social welfare, are as follows:

Charles Jacob	(Investment Manager of Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and financial adviser to various Churches)
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John Whitely	(Director General, LBA, and a non-executive Director of Friends' Provident Life Office)
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No need to insure the C5, but it might be wise, says David Worsfold

## A few electric shocks

THE LAUNCH by Sir Clive Sinclair of his revolutionary plastic car the Sinclair C5, has been accompanied by much gnashing of teeth among safety experts, motorist organisations and insurance companies.

With singular aplomb, he dived straight into a legal vacuum. The C5, the advertisements remind us, needs no licence to drive it and does not have to be taxed because it falls outside the current requirements of the Road Traffic Acts. A third consequence of this absence of appropriate legislation is that there is also no legal compulsion to insure a C5. If Sir Clive Sinclair has got it right and there really is a demand for his electric trike, there could be 100,000 C5s on the road by the end of 1985, all of them uninsured, untaxed ... and uninsured.

So, why should you take out insurance cover for driving a C5 if the law doesn't compel you to do so? For much the same reasons as you should if you own an ordinary motor car to cover yourself against loss, damage and injury to other people. The first two are obvious enough: if you spend £400 on a C5, you do not want to lose it. The second reason may not be so obvious but without adequate insurance it could cost you a lot more than £400.

If you are involved in an accident while driving a C5 and someone is injured as a result of some error on your

part, the compensation claim could run into hundreds of thousands of pounds - not something that most of us could pay for out of our loose change. Claims for damage to someone else's property can also be substantial. This is why all motorists should have third party liability cover and why the law requires it.

Fortunately, Sinclair Vehicles have recognised the importance of insurance for potential drivers of the C5 and have put together a special scheme with the Prudential. The insurance is offered on an optional basis and is a comprehensive policy with a few features not usually seen in a standard motor policy. These relate principally to the theft cover where the Prudential is expecting drivers to install and use the optional locking system when leaving the vehicle unattended and to keep it in the house or a locked garage or shed when at home.

The policy will cover up to four named drivers for loss or damage to the vehicle up to the current price, although the policyholder will have to pay the first £25 of any claim, and provides third party liability cover of up to £1,000,000. There are four premium rates as follows based on the age of the youngest named driver:

Age of youngest driver	Annual premium
16-17	£20
18-20	£25
21-29	£25
30 and over	£20

So far, only the Pru has

been able to offer cover specifically for the C5. Most other insurance companies are still trying to work out which category to put it in - the category doesn't seem to have occurred to most of them! Most seem to be drifting towards treating it as a moped, one suggested it might be put in with milk floats and some companies are offering to cover it on the "all risks" section of a house contents policy. In this latter case it is necessary to arrange additional third party liability cover.

On the whole there is a marked reluctance among insurance companies to insure the C5. Many are worried about the safety of it and are particularly concerned about the prospect of 14 year olds driving. Indeed, some companies intending to treat it as a moped say that they will not insure drivers under 16.

The premiums quoted elsewhere varied greatly. The highest was £225 for comprehensive cover for a 16-20 year old in urban areas, and £174 in rural areas. The equivalent rates from the same company for third party, fire and theft only were £74 and £57. The lowest rates around for comprehensive cover were approximately £10 to £15 more expensive than those on offer from the Prudential. So until the rest of the insurance industry makes up its mind what it wants to do with the C5, the Pru's deal is the best on the market.

### IN BRIEF:

## The will-they won't-they week

JUST as you thought it was safe to go into the building society and ask for a mortgage, the rates have swiftly followed by threats of more to come. However it now looks extremely unlikely that this will happen, in any case they will delay another increase for a few weeks yet.

After the societies raised their borrowing rates by an average 1.125 per cent to take effect from yesterday, the banks put up their base rate by a further 2 per cent giving building societies serious worry as to whether they had gone far enough. But later in the week, the Markets calmed down so, as mortgage demand is comparatively low in the early months of the year, building societies chief will not feel under pressure to raise rates again when they meet next Friday.

The banks have left themselves in a curious position. The National Westminster alone among the Big Four has increased mortgage rates since the recent jump in base rates.

The TSB has taken the brave dramatic decision to add 3 per cent to its charges, putting mortgages at 15 per cent for repayment loans and 16 per cent for endowment mortgages in England and Wales (15.25 per cent in Scotland).

The new rates take effect on March 1 and all include free life insurance.

## The automatic topping up

The Alliance BankSave account, an interest earning cheque account with the Bank of Scotland, has moved on step better still by adding free banking to all accounts in credit.

And salaries can now be paid into the building society account more quickly, giving faster access to the £25 per cent interest paid net on balances up to £2,500. When the balance in the bank account drops below £100, it is automatically topped up out of the building society account for you.

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The Observer's analysis of the 25 largest unit trust groups in October 1984 underlined this: "The best returns were over ten years, with Framlington outstanding. It showed a £1,462 pay-off from a £100 investment, which put it head and shoulders above the others over that period. Framlington also led the rest over nine, eight, seven and six years."

For 1985, we select four funds which we believe are doing particularly well. Two are straightforward capital growth funds, American & General Fund and International Growth Fund. The other two are more speculative 'recovery' funds, American Turnaround Fund and Recovery Trust.

American & General Fund invests for full-blooded capital growth in smaller US growth companies. Since launch in 1978 the offer price of units is up 286% compared with 81% for the Standard & Poors Composite Index.

On 23rd January the offer price was 193.0p (Accumulation units 193.2p). International Growth Fund also invests for out-and-out capital growth, but on a world-wide basis. It can switch between markets at will. At present 63% is in North America, 16% in the Far East and 17% in the UK. Since launch in 1976 the offer price of units is up 794%, compared with 421% for the FT All-Share Index.

On 23rd January the offer price was 149.0p (Accumulation units, 163.4p). American Turnaround Fund invests in North American recovery stocks. Since launch in October 1979 the offer price of units is up 234%, compared with 75% in the Standard & Poors Composite Index.

On 23rd January the offer price was 197.2p (accumulation units, 201.6p). Recovery Trust invests in both UK and US recovery shares, but with an emphasis on the UK. At present 31% is in North America. Since launch in April 1982 the offer price of units has

risen 98% compared with 99% for the FT All-Share Index.

On 23rd January the offer price was 99.2p (Accumulation units, 103.4p).

Dollar Loans International Growth Fund and the two American funds have substantial 'back-to-back' loans to hedge against a fall in the dollar. The cost of these reduces the estimated yield to nil. Recovery Trust is not hedged and has an estimated gross yield of 2.37%. Income distributions are on 15th March and 15th September.

The price of units and the income from them can go down as well as up.

### HOW TO INVEST

Units can be bought using the coupon or by telephoning 01-628 5181. The minimum investment is £500 in each fund. Units are allocated at the price ruling when we receive your order. There is a 1% bonus for orders over £10,000, which can be split between the four funds.

Applications are acknowledged and certificates normally sent within 42 days. Units can be sold back at any time; payment is usually made on the day we receive the renounced certificate.

### MONTHLY SAVINGS

You can also invest by monthly direct

debit. The minimum is £20 a month. For £100 a month or more there is a bonus of 1% extra units.

Units are allocated at the offer price ruling on 5th of each month. Net income is automatically reinvested for you, using accumulation units. Certificates are not issued, but every six months you are sent a statement of your account and a fund report. You can cash in your plans at any time, receiving the full bid value of the accumulated units.

To start your plan, fill in the application and send it to us with your cheque. We shall send you a direct debit mandate to sign and return to us.

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

The trusts are authorised by the Department of Trade and Industry and controlled by Trust Deeds. Lloyds Bank Plc is both Trustee and Registrar. The initial charge included in the offer price is 5%. The annual charge is only 5% (plus VAT) of the value of the fund. Commission of 1% is paid to agents, but not on savings plans. Prices and yields are published daily in leading newspapers. The offices are Framlington Unit Management Limited, 3 London Wall Buildings, London EC2M 5NQ. Telephone: 01-628 5181. Registered in England No 895261. Member of The Unit Trust Association. This offer is not open to residents of the Republic of Ireland.

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£ <input type="text"/> in Recovery Trust (minimum £500)	£ <input type="text"/> in Recovery Trust (minimum £20)

I enclose my cheque payable to Framlington Unit Management Limited. I am over 18. For accumulation units in which income is reinvested, tick here ☐

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## SATURDAY

## BBC-1

7.10-8.25 am Open University. 8.30 The Persuaders. 8.35 The Littlest Hobo. 9.00 Saturday Superstore. 12.12 pm Weather.

12.15 GRANDSTAND. Including: Football Focus (12.20); news (12.50); snooker — Benson and Hedges Masters first semi-final (12.55); 2.5; 4.20; skiing — Ladies World Championship Downhill from Italy (1.20); boxing from Warrington (1.50); rugby union — Five Nations Championship, featuring England v France, Scotland v Ireland (2.25); Final Score (4.40).

5 NEWS; weather; sport; regional news.

5.20 DOCTOR WHO. The Mark of the Rani: 1 Colin Baker, as the Doctor, time-warped back to the 19th century, to confront Kate O'Mara's kingly-god Rani and Anthony Ainley's fiendish Master. Cee-fax sub-titles.

6.5 JIMMY FIX IT. More dreams come true.

6.40 LITTLE AND LARGE. Eddie and Sid with music, laffs, and special guest Hank Wainford.

7.15 ONE BY ONE. 5. End of an Era. Based on David Taylor's Zoo Vet books, with seven more episodes to follow — despite the zoo being about to close and a callous stock trader off-loading the animals any way he can. Cee-fax sub-titles.

8.5 DYNASTY. The Voice. 2. Distaught Claudia is still being taunted with violets — purportedly from dead hubble Matthew, supposed to have been eaten by Peruvian jungle beasts after a car-crash. Hasty Tracy overplays her hand with Blake. And Patagonian strawberry-fancier Alexis dismisses Dex, in favour of a bit more sheik, rattle and roll with old flame Ahmed. Cee-fax sub-titles.

8.55 INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER. The Benson and Hedges Masters. David Leck presents highlights from the early stages of the second semi-final at Wembley Conference Centre.

9.45 NEWS; sport; weather.

10.0 MATCH OF THE DAY. Jimmy Hill with coverage of two Canon League First Division matches; plus analysis, interviews, news round-up, pools check.

10.50 INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER.

12.0 MEAN JOHNNY BARROWS. (1979). Directed by and starring black actor Fred Williamson (in real life a former professional footballer). The gloomy, unconvincing storyline concerns a dishonourably discharged army veteran — fallen on hard times and reluctantly obliged to earn his crust soldiering for the Mafia. 1.25 Weather; close.

SCOTLAND: 12.15 pm Grandstand; including (3.30) Rugby Union: Celtic v Glasgow. 12.50 pm News. 1.00-1.15 pm Sports. 1.15-1.30 pm Weather.

NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.15 pm Grandstand, including (2.25) Rugby Union: Scotland v Ireland, plus highlights of England v France. 1.00-1.15 pm Sports. 1.15-1.30 pm Weather.

Anglia  
6.15 As London.  
11.20 Battlestar Galactica.  
12.15 As London.  
12.50 pm Comedy Tonight.  
1.20 At the End of the Day; close.

Central  
6.15 As London.  
9.57 Puffin's Place/Oz.  
10.0 No. 73.  
11.20 Chips.

## SUNDAY

## BBC-1

6.45-7.35 am Open University. 8.55 The Flump. 9.10 De Bono's Thinking Course. 9.35 Computers in Control. 10.0 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Switch on to English. 10.55 A Vows La France! 11.20 Sunday Worship. 12.5 pm See Hear! 12.30 Farming. 12.55 Magic Roundabout. 1.0 This Week, Next Week. 1.50 A World of Dogs. 2.15 International Snooker. 4.5 Sporting Chance. London and South-East only. See below for regional variations. 4.30 International Snooker.

5.25 THE PICKWICK PAPERS. 5. Nigel Stock as corpulent Mr P. in the amiable Dickens dramatisation by Jack Davies. Cee-fax sub-titles.

5.55 HOLIDAY. John Carter reports on a cruise with added culture; Anne Gregg checks out Copenhagen; and Frank and Nesta Bough come to the close of a French car trip in St Tropez.

6.30 NEWS; weather.

6.40 SONGS OF PRAISE. Festival 85: Geoffrey Wheeler introduces Britain's top ten hymns, sung by massed choirs at Manchester Cathedral. Cee-fax sub-titles.

7.15 BY THE SWORD DIVIDED. Escape. Beaten Charles the Second is doing the dirt, in the latest helping of the costume drama. Cee-fax sub-titles.

8.10 INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER. The nail-biting final, frames nine-to-seventeen, of the Benson and Hedges green baize biggie.

9.0 MASTERMIND. Four more quivering contenders battle for a place in the semi-finals, answering questions on the history of South Africa since 1948; the fictional works of J. Conrad; the Vikings, 793-954; and the life and works of Janacek.

9.30 THAT'S LIFE. Mishaps, misprints; advice and jokes, with toothy Esther's team.

10.15 NEWS; weather.

10.30 EVERYBODY. The Mind Box. Why are some people made ill by stress while others seem to breeze through life? Dr Dorothy Rowe, clinical psychologist and author, believes it's all to do with what she calls your mind box — or the set of unexamined beliefs about life and death each and every one of us acquired in childhood. She harks back to the good old-fashioned notion that depression is a symptom of underlying spiritual crisis. "Ancient writers on the subject said it was a lack of wisdom in living..." This programme looks at how Dr Rowe passes on the age-old technique of self-knowledge.

11.10 INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER. At long last, it's over. David Leck buttonholes the glowing new champion. 12.30 Weather; close.

Wales: 12.15-12.55 pm Farming in Wales. 1.30 Weekend Rugby Union. 2.40 International Snooker. 3.45-4.15 pm News. 4.15-4.30 pm Sports. 4.30-4.45 pm Weather. 4.45-5.00 pm News. 5.00-5.15 pm Sports. 5.15-5.30 pm Weather. 5.30-5.45 pm News. 5.45-6.00 pm Sports. 6.00-6.15 pm Weather. 6.15-6.30 pm News. 6.30-6.45 pm Sports. 6.45-7.00 pm Weather. 7.00-7.15 pm News. 7.15-7.30 pm Sports. 7.30-7.45 pm Weather. 7.45-8.00 pm News. 8.00-8.15 pm Sports. 8.15-8.30 pm Weather. 8.30-8.45 pm News. 8.45-9.00 pm Sports. 9.00-9.15 pm Weather. 9.15-9.30 pm News. 9.30-9.45 pm Sports. 9.45-10.00 pm Weather. 10.00-10.15 pm News. 10.15-10.30 pm Sports. 10.30-10.45 pm Weather. 10.45-11.00 pm News. 11.00-11.15 pm Sports. 11.15-11.30 pm Weather. 11.30-11.45 pm News. 11.45-12.00 pm Sports. 12.00-12.15 pm Weather. 12.15-12.30 pm News. 12.30-12.45 pm Sports. 12.45-1.00 pm Weather. 1.00-1.15 pm News. 1.15-1.30 pm Sports. 1.30-1.45 pm Weather. 1.45-2.00 pm News. 2.00-2.15 pm Sports. 2.15-2.30 pm Weather. 2.30-2.45 pm 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## Clarke apology for gagging doctors

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

THE HEALTH minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke, last night apologised for making the doctors chosen to advise him on the limited drugs list sign the Official Secrets Act.

In a statement which suggested he had been particularly embarrassed by yesterday's disclosure of the decision to silence the seven advisers, but that someone else might be to blame for the gag, the minister said: "The request to sign the Official Secrets Act is made more or less automatically. Perhaps in this case it was a little over-zealous. We shall be looking into this."

The advisers, led by Professor Alasdair Breckenridge of Liverpool University, were said to be senior people in whom he can have total trust. It is obviously important that they understand the value of the information to which they will have access.

The advisers have been hand-picked in the face of a boycott by the British Medical Association and the medical royal colleges to advise the minister on which drugs should be banned from NHS prescription in the attempt to chop £100 million a year off the drugs bill.

Mr Clarke's apology followed widespread criticism from senior doctors and civil servants.

Dr Joe Collier, senior lecturer in clinical pharmacology at St George's Hospital, London, and a supporter of the principle of restricted lists, said: "The committee which decides on the drugs must be responsible to the profession and to patients, not to the Government."

"The use of the Official Secrets Act will turn the committee into the playing of the Government."

A spokeswoman for the BMA said: "None of the BMA officers who sit on Government committees have signed the act, and they would not sign on principle."

A Department of Health spokesman insisted that members of all committees not covered by the Medicines Act were asked to sign

## Unionist politicians defend regiment after shooting by IRA

# IRA kills third brother

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

A part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment was shot dead in an IRA ambush yesterday as he waited in his bus to take children to their weekly swimming lesson.

Mr James Graham, aged 39, ran down the aisle of the empty vehicle to escape the gunmen, who boarded the bus and shot him several times from close range before he could draw his weapon.

Witnesses said the killers cheered as they ran to a waiting van and fired several times in the air, making their getaway towards the border with the Republic, eight miles away from the Co. Fermanagh town of Derrylin.

Mr Graham, from nearby Lisnaskea, the father of two teenage girls, had survived two previous assassination attempts. He was wounded when gunmen attacked him at home, returned fire and was awarded the British Empire Medal. Two of his brothers, Ronnie and Cecil, were shot dead by Republican terrorists in separate attacks in 1981.

Mr Graham's killing provoked a backlash from Unionist politicians already angry at the way the regiment has recently been criticised. A 17-year-old boy was shot dead in Belfast last month by UDR men and last week a private from the regiment was jailed for life after he admitted killing a Roman Catholic and six attempted murders.

Unionists said yesterday that the true character of the force was reflected in the lives and deaths of the Graham brothers.

The IRA gunmen fired through the windscreen at Mr Graham while he sat in the bus outside Derrylin primary school. No children had boarded. The school's headmaster, Mr James O'Rourke, said



Police and UDR men examining the bus in which Mr James Graham was shot dead yesterday. His brothers Cecil (below left) and Ronald were also killed by terrorists.



Mr Graham is the 148th member of the UDR to be



he heard eight or nine shots but it took him several minutes to realise what had happened.

A large proportion of those deaths have come in the

remoter areas of Northern Ireland, close to the border, where many Protestants serve part-time and regard membership as vital for the protection of their communities.

Mr Frank Millar, general secretary of the Official Unionist Party, said yesterday that politicians and churchmen who had recently criticised the regiment had to share the blame for the shooting. Similar sentiments came from Democratic Unionist Party politicians.

Mr Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party—one of the regiment's most vocal critics—condemned Mr Graham's killing.

Police arrested three people in west Belfast yesterday after an army foot patrol came under fire. Soldiers claimed to have hit an armed man at the scene. None of those arrested had gunshot wounds.

## Terrorists murder German arms expert

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been found in a terrorist hide-out in Frankfurt last summer.

Yesterday's killing, the authorities said, fitted in with the new strategy directed against NATO targets by the Red Army Faction and the French terrorist group, Action Directe.

In a joint statement on Thursday, the two groups vowed to continue "their West European revolutionary offensive" in bilingual statements

to news agencies in Paris, and claimed responsibility for last week's killing of General René Audran, a senior Defence Ministry official.

Parallel to yesterday's killing eight homemade bombs damaged cars and homes of about 2,000 West German soldiers and their families at the joint Portuguese-German base at Beja in Southern Portugal, used by the Luftwaffe for AlphaJet training.

The leftist FP-24 group, which earlier this week

claimed responsibility for a mortar attack on six NATO warships in Lisbon harbour, said it carried out the bombing, in which one woman was slightly injured by flying glass.

The murder closely followed the pattern of previous terrorist attacks on West Germany in the 1970s. The suspects, a man and a woman in their mid-twenties, rang the doorbell to Dr Zimmermann's home at breakfast time and said they had a personal letter for him. When he appeared, the

attackers armed with a sub-machine gun, tied and gagged Dr Zimmermann and his wife and, placing him on a chair in another room, fired at least one shot into his head.

Dr Zimmermann died later in hospital.

The attack marked an increase in recent terrorist violence which can be expected to continue as leftwing prisoners pursue a hunger strike against solitary confinement. About 30 prisoners are now in the ninth week of their fast.

## Shipyard strikers given deadline

By Peter Hetherington

The future of an award-winning shipyard was in the balance last night when workers walked out after rejecting management demands for a pay freeze as the price for winning an order for two cargo vessels.

Shop stewards representing 1,500 workers at the Sunderland yard of Austin and Pickersgill, which faces closure by June when work runs out, have been given until midday today to accept new working practices.

The extended deadline has been given by an overseas shipowner who has recently found the Wearside yard—a specialist in the building of standardised bulk carriers—a more attractive proposition because of the weakness of the pound.

Last night, British Shipbuilders, the state-owned parent of the yard, was concerned at the strike at A and P today. However, he has agreed to give the yard until midday to resolve its problems. The yard management, therefore, are seeking further talks with shop stewards in an effort to find a solution.

Workers were given 48 hours to accept a package of proposals on Tuesday when senior stewards were told that failure to accept would result in the work going elsewhere.

BS says the productivity demands are well within the capability of A and P, which developed a world-beating design for a class of vessels, the SD14, in the 60s and 70s to replace the wartime liberty vessels. They are now built under licence overseas, and A and P won the Queen's Award for Industry.

Party convenor of shop stewards at the yard, said yesterday that the men had not received a pay rise for nearly a year. They did not object to changes in working practices—notably the introduction of new welding techniques on high quality steel—but resented the demand for a pay freeze. Wages were so low he complained, that workers were eligible for welfare benefits.

Labour MPs in the North-east believe that the managing director of A and P, Mr George Parker, is planning to lead a management buy-out. They made the claims in the Commons that week as the shipbuilding bill, which will wind up the BS redundancy scheme next year, completed its committee stage.

So far the Trade and Industry Secretary, Mr Norman Tebbit, has placed only British Shipbuilders' warship and composite yards up for sale.

The less profitable merchant yards, including A and P, were expected to remain part of BS for the next few years.

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## Kinnock advises councils to avoid rates gestures

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock last night gave Labour councils a clear warning that they should not fight the Government's rate-capping policy with "gestures of resignation or loss of office."

He advised them to stay in power and do the best they could to protect their communities. "Better a dentured shield than no shield at all," the Labour leader said.

In an opening address to the Labour local government conference in Birmingham, Mr Kinnock avoided taking a clear position on whether the councils should risk breaking the law by refusing to fix a rate next month.

This reflects behind-the-scenes pressure from council leaders after an attack in Mr Kinnock's new year message on their potentially illegal tactics.

This approach had not been thought helpful at a time when the authorities were attempting to stay united and to create maximum leverage on Mr Patrick Jenkin to make concessions. The councils have their first collective negotiations with the Environment Secretary on Monday.

"We don't want to weaken that broad coalition by wrangles over legality. We refuse to provide our enemies with public dramas or exciting scenarios when our basic concern is — and must remain — jobs, services, and democracy," Mr Kinnock said yesterday.

He said that if Labour councils accepted Government rate limits and cut spending, as ministers demanded, they could be taken to court by local residents for failing to comply with legal minimum standards of service. But if they failed to comply with the rate limits they could face financial ruin and the loss of citizenship rights.

Although Mr Kinnock did not tell councillors how to make the choice between these two evils he made clear his preference for eventual reluctant compliance with the new rating law.

"We don't want idle speculation to follow what precise Government response," he said. "We refuse to surrender, the positions, the opportunities, and the powers that enable us to provide the protection, the representation, the mitigation of evils which the Tories wish to inflict on the people and the communities whom we serve."

"What our people — the people who elected us — are saying is 'better a dentured shield than no shield at all. Better a Labour council doing its best to help us than Government placed men extending the full force of Government policy,' he said.

The coming period was of vital importance both for the Government and for local government, he said. "Patrick Jenkin is coming to the time when he hopes to wreck the maximum damage upon Labour local government and to recover some of the territory which has been lost. For Labour the next six months will determine our ability to maintain effective local government through the rest of this Parliament."

The most effective way of resisting the Government and preparing the way for a future Labour Government was for councillors to secure the best possible conditions for the communities that they represent.

After Mr Kinnock had finished speaking, Mr Ted Knight, leader of Lambeth, interrupted Dr John Cunningham, the shadow environment secretary, to say that Mr Kinnock's argument had been outrageous. There would be no dentured shields in Lambeth.

It appeared from the statement and Mr Eaton's remarks that the NCB was moving from a state of deadlock to one of progress in advance of negotiations to talk about uneconomic pits.

Some members of the miners' executive are beginning to argue that the union should simply refuse to sign any settlement.

They claim this would represent such a reversal of long standing union policy that it would be better to abandon the peace process and simply return to work.

Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, met the NUM executive for more than an hour yesterday in an attempt to find a new form of words to break the impasse.

He told the executive that the board felt that its position was strengthening and that the numbers going back to work would increase this week.

Some TUC leaders fear that the board may harden its position still further. That fear was partly borne out by a statement by the NUM's secretary, Mr Peter McNesty, the NCB's general secretary, said last night that any attempt to force the NUM to sign an agreement on the closure of uneconomic pits as a precondition to peace talks would be in breach of the NCB's agreement.

The NCB's deal, which Mr Eaton affirmed yesterday, provides for an independent third party review of disputed issues including closure

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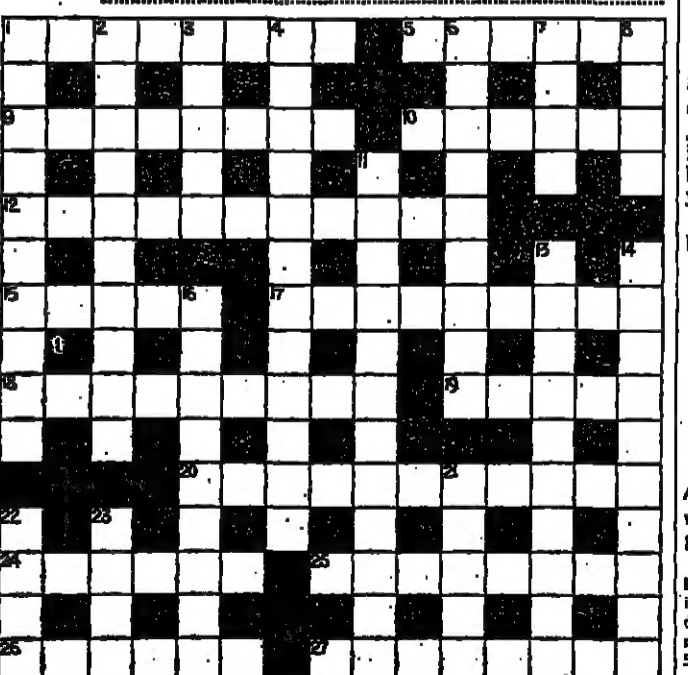
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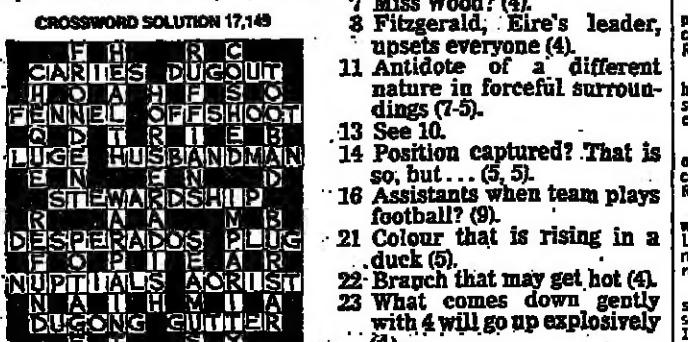
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  - Refuse to take doctor round ship (5).
  - Ben Nevis is off back and possibly out before Cellini (9).
  - Hen makes a 20 do (8).
  - Salmon put in wrong vaccine (5).
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## Thatcher 'on course'

By Colin Brown

Mrs Thatcher has denied that the Government had been lurching to the right since it raised interest rates.

Speaking on the Channel 4 programme, A Week in Politics, she said that the Government did not like increasing interest rates but it needed to do so to restore confidence. "We did it, it would seem immediately it had that effect

but one has to wait a little longer to see." She did not respond to an invitation to estimate how long interest rates would remain so high. She said: "It will take as long as it takes."

She insisted that the Government had no target for sterling but stressed the importance of keeping wage rates down in the coming year to avoid further speculation

## Ponting's top job

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that he sent the documents. Asked if he expected, in his dealings with Mr Ponting on August 10, that the matter was going to be resolved by resignation or disciplinary action, Mr Michael Heseltine replied: "It seemed to be perfectly possible that might happen."

But he denied telling Mr Ponting four days later, after a meeting about the affair between Sir Ewen Broadbent, second permanent secretary and the Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine: "This is not going as smoothly as we had hoped. Ministers are jumping up and down."

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